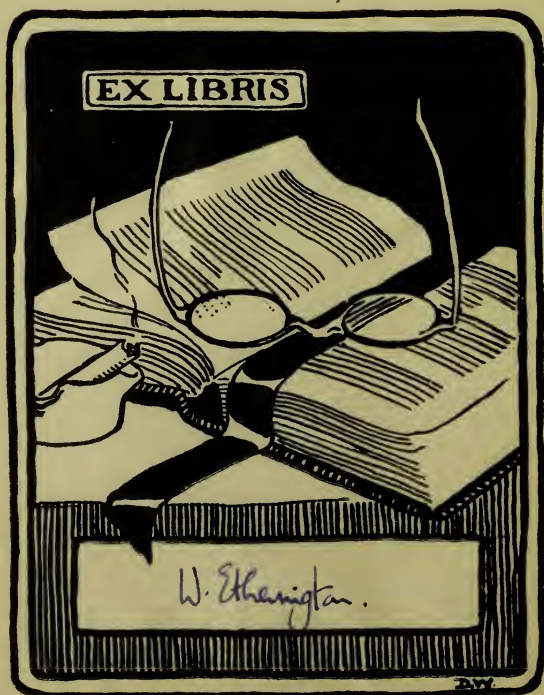




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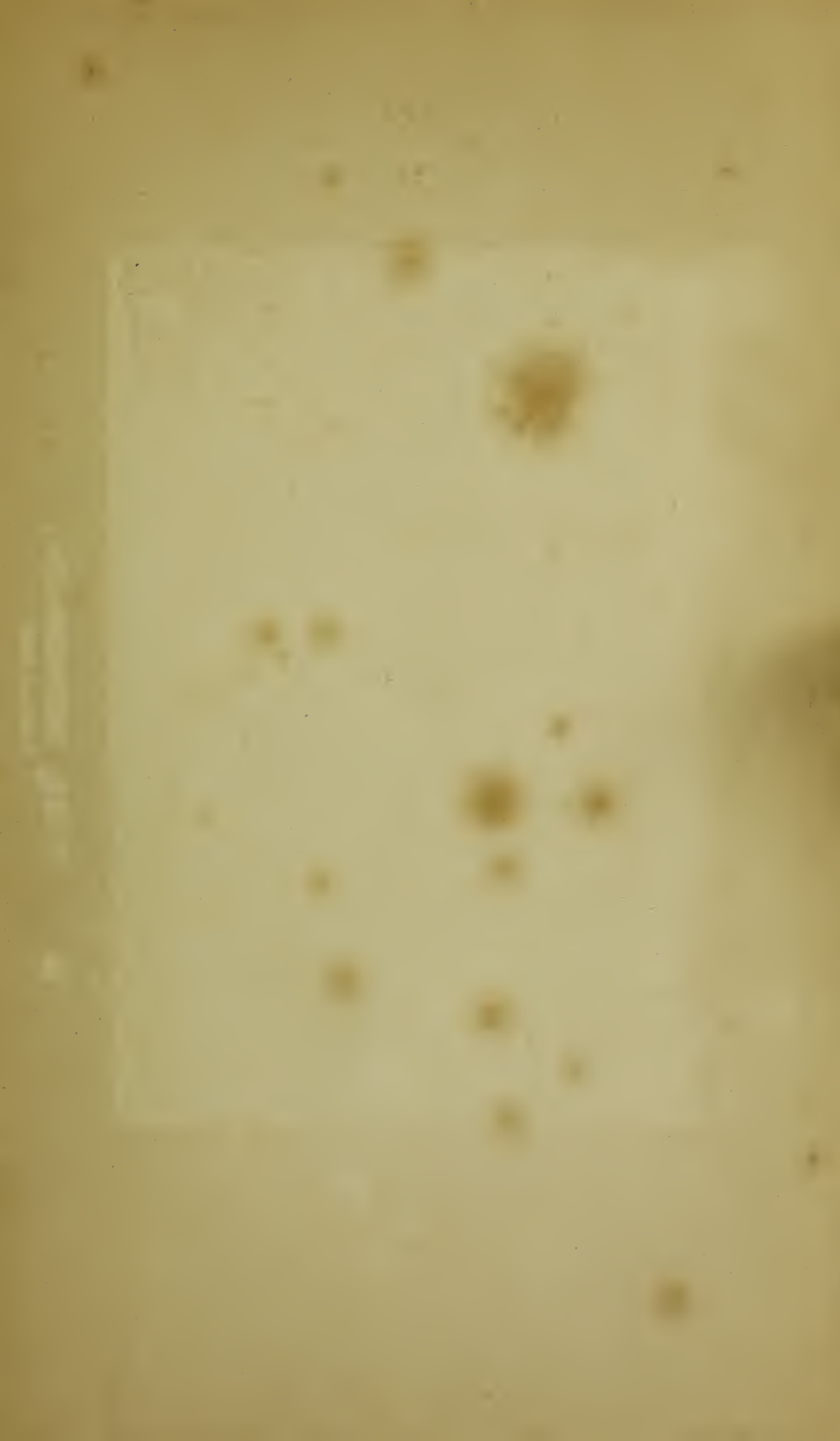


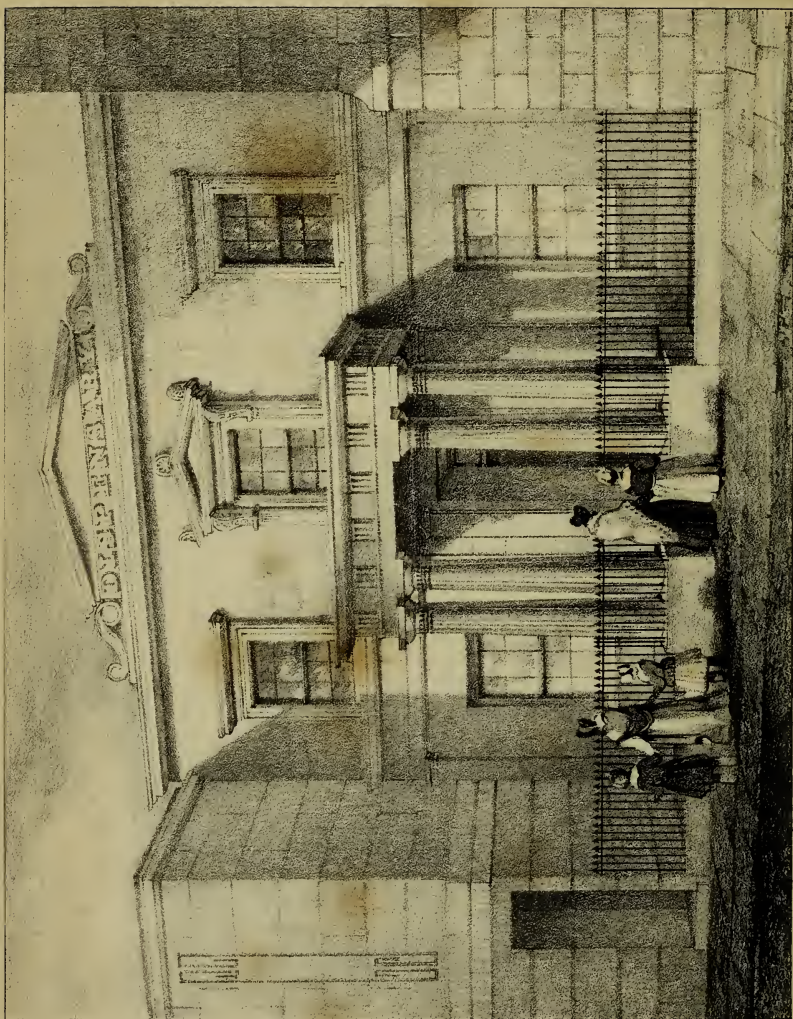
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HISTORY
OF THE
YORK DISPENSARY:

CONTAINING

AN ACCOUNT OF ITS ORIGIN AND PROGRESS TO
THE PRESENT TIME;

COMPRISING A PERIOD OF FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS.

BY OSWALD ALLEN.

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TO THE
DIRECTORS AND SUBSCRIBERS
OF THE
YORK DISPENSARY,

THE FOLLOWING HISTORY IS INSCRIBED

AS

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE,

BY THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E.

IN compiling the following history, and calling to mind the various events, more or less connected with it, which have occurred during the last fifty-seven years, I have experienced considerable pleasure and satisfaction, not unmingled with serious and painful reflection.

My pleasure and satisfaction have arisen in no inconsiderable degree, from the circumstance that having been placed early in life by Divine Providence, in a public Institution, where I was called upon to exercise myself in the service of the diseased and distressed poor of York and its neighbourhood, I have thus long been spared to see that Institution, as I trust, permanently established.

During the first years of my labours in behalf of the York Dispensary, in conjunction with my own private practice, I had to contend with considerable anxiety of mind, arising partly from a consciousness of my youth and inexperience, and partly out of the prejudices generally raised against an infant institution. Those diffi-

culties I endeavoured as far as lay in my power, to overcome by persevering diligence and exertion, in the discharge of the professional duties which I had been called to perform. Amongst other painful reflections which have pressed upon my mind, is the removal, from the present state of existence, of so great a number of my medical, as well as other friends, especially of those who had been connected with this Institution.

In presenting to the public this concise and somewhat imperfect history of the York Dispensary, I am fully aware that it contains little that can prove attractive, except to those who have felt some degree of interest in its prosperity and firm establishment ; being merely a statement of the various proceedings (with the exception of a few occasional remarks) connected with the management of a charitable Institution.

YORK, MARCH 28th, 1845.

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HISTORY
OF THE
YORK DISPENSARY.

CHAPTER I.

The Introduction—the first establishment—&c.

I HAVE been induced to attempt a short account of the rise and progress of this Institution, in compliance with the suggestion and request of a sincere and zealous friend to it now deceased. At the same time I feel considerable reluctance in my own mind towards the undertaking, not only from a consciousness of my inability to do it justice, but from a disinclination to become the narrator of proceedings in which I have myself borne so considerable a share. For I have been connected with the Charity from its first commencement; during a period of now more than fifty-six years. Especially during the first twenty years of its existence I undertook the active and laborious part of its management; and ever since that time I have continued to render it all the service in my power. And I still feel a deep interest in its continued prosperity, and the extension of its usefulness yet further among the diseased and distressed poor of the City of York and its neighbourhood.

Public Dispensaries are undoubtedly among the best means of relief ever devised for the diseased poor. In times of sickness no charitable institution meets their wants more completely or more speedily. For in all acute and violent complaints, they have, on procuring the proper recommendation, immediate medical attendance. Nor does any Charity extend its arms to a greater number or variety of distressed objects. Dispensaries are adapted to the cure not only of all chronic and of such acute complaints as are uninfectious, but also of epidemic and contagious diseases, when raging (as among the poor is often the case) in the most violent and destructive manner. Patients unable to attend at the Dispensary are visited in all parts of the town by a medical attendant, at their own houses, and supplied with advice and medicine: advantages not otherwise to be procured in a steady and regular manner, without special aid from the humane and benevolent. It has been fully ascertained by long and undoubted experience, that the crowding together of a number of persons labouring under infectious diseases, (as in barracks, hospitals, and the like, is sometimes unavoidable) has often led to the most fatal consequences, owing to impure confined air, and the want of proper cleanliness. All these inconveniences are prevented, as far as possible, by the timely assistance of public Dispensaries.

When the York Dispensary was first established in the beginning of the year 1788, there were few similar institutions existing in the large provincial towns of

this county, or indeed of the north of England. I well remember receiving applications from various places for information respecting our rules and system, to which I replied by furnishing copies of our earliest Reports. The late Dr. Withers, an eminent Physician of this City, first instituted a private Dispensary on a small scale, where the poor were supplied with gratuitous medical advice and with medicines at a very reduced price. This charitable institution he conducted for several years, until the plan of establishing a public Dispensary in this City was finally determined upon. It was in the month of March, 1788, that the gentlemen of the faculty, resident in York, with several other benevolent individuals, came to the resolution of establishing a public Dispensary; and they the more willingly engaged in the undertaking from a full conviction that they should receive the support of many charitable and well-disposed persons in the prosecution of so laudable a design. The event fully proved that these expectations were not to be frustrated, but realized to a degree much beyond what was anticipated by the most sanguine; though ours like most other infant institutions had to contend at first with many difficulties, and to surmount many prejudices: yet by silently and perseveringly pursuing the even tenour of its way, the Dispensary gradually acquired the confidence and support of a discerning and benevolent public; and may now be said to be firmly established. Indeed the advantages to the sick poor, derived from public Dispensaries, have made such an impression on the public mind, as to have led to their adoption in most places of considerable population.

A very active part in the preliminary arrangement and formation of the Charity was taken by the late eminent Dr. Hunter, of this City, along with several other medical gentlemen, especially those whose names will appear as its first medical Officers. The Dispensary was first opened for the admission of patients, on Friday the 28th day of March, 1788, at the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate; where the necessary accommodations had been made for the attendance of the medical gentlemen, and also a compounding room fitted up and furnished with drugs. And though these various arrangements were not so convenient or comfortable as could have been wished; yet for want of a better and more suitable situation, the Charity continued to be carried on there, for near *twenty years*, until the house in St. Andrewgate was purchased for that purpose. Previous to its opening on the 28th of March, several meetings had been held at the York Tavern, and several resolutions had been passed, but of these no regular entry was made, though they appeared in the York papers at the time. The medical staff at first, consisted of four attending Physicians, five Surgeons, and two consulting Physicians; besides the Apothecary, making altogether twelve medical Men, who were then not thought too numerous to discharge properly their respective duties.*

The attending Physicians were, Dr. Withers, Dr. White, Dr. Thomasson, and Dr. Lawson; and the two consulting Physicians were, Dr. Swainston and Dr.

* Though the population of York was not much more than one-half of its present number.

Hunter. The attending Surgeons were, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. James Atkinson, Mr. Champney, Mr. Belt, and Mr. Peacock; Mr. Whaley was the Apothecary, and Mr. John Wright the Treasurer. The services of all those Officers were perfectly gratuitous; even Mr. Whaley voluntarily undertook to discharge the very heavy and responsible duties of Apothecary for one year, without fee or reward. At that time, I was an assistant to Mr. Whaley, and as he had undertaken that arduous duty, in addition to his own private practice, of course a considerable share of the labour in the Institution devolved upon me; not only in the dispensing of medicines, but in visiting such patients as required attendance at their own habitations.

It appears that the Institution at the first, was under the government of twenty-two Directors, consisting, in addition to the twelve medical Officers, of ten from the general body of the Subscribers, viz. Wm. Withers, Esq., Mr. Alderman Siddal, Mr. Alderman Wilson, Mr. Alderman Metcalfe, Rev. Mr. Dade, Mr. Garencieres, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. John Wallis, Mr. F. Saunders, and Mr. Wright the Treasurer.

The following resolution passed in July, 1788, appears to be the first entered in the records of the Dispensary:—

‘ It was then unanimously agreed, that in case any Physician or Surgeon belonging this Charity, does not attend before *half-past eleven o’clock* on the days of public admission, that

the Physicians or Surgeons present, shall in such case, proceed to prescribe for, or dress such patients as belong to those gentlemen who are absent.'

The following were the original Regulations of the Institution.

1st.—That Subscribers of One Guinea *per annum* shall have it in their option, either to have one patient constantly upon the books, or to have seven tickets; each of which will entitle the Subscriber to have one patient upon the books for the term of two months. Subscribers of Two Guineas *per annum*, shall have it in their option, either to have two patients constantly upon the books, or to have fourteen tickets; and so in proportion for all larger sums subscribed.

2nd.—Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea *per annum*, will receive three tickets; each of which will entitle them to have one patient upon the books, for the term of two months.

3rd.—Medical and chirurgical attendance will be given, *one day* in every week, at the Dispensary; and medicines dispensed *gratis* to all patients, who shall be judged proper objects of the Charity.

4th.—Women in child-bed, and persons confined in fevers, or otherwise rendered incapable of attending in person, will be admitted at any time, and visited at their houses, on sending their recommendations to the public Dispensary, before Eleven o'Clock.

5th.—The benefits of the Dispensary shall not extend to those who are able to pay for their own cure.

6th.—Women with child, if in low circumstances, will be delivered at their own houses, on the recommendation of a

Subscriber; but in such cases, it is expected that the person who recommends shall give *five shillings* to the gentleman who attends, to be applied to the support of the poor woman, during her confinement. Mr. Whaley will at any time, deliver to Subscribers proper forms for this part of the Charity, in return for blank recommendations.

7th.—Children of the poor will be inoculated on the recommendation of a Subscriber, at the proper seasons. Dispensary forms for this part of the Charity will be delivered to Subscribers by Mr. Whaley, in return for blank recommendations.

8th.—The Dispensary is under the direction of six Physicians, and five Surgeons; assisted by eleven Subscribers, (including the Apothecary) and was opened on Friday the 28th day of March, 1788, at the Merchants' Hall in Foss-gate; where patients are admitted, and medicines administered every Friday, between the hours of eleven and twelve.

9th.—Annual Subscribers will be considered, as beginning their subscriptions on the 28th day of March in every year; but subscription tickets will be delivered at any time, by Mr. John Wright, the Treasurer, or by Mr. Whaley, Apothecary to the Dispensary, at his house in Colliergate.

FORM OF AN ADMISSION TICKET.

To the Directors of the Dispensary established for the Relief
of the diseased Poor.

Gentlemen,

Please to admit the Bearer

(who is a proper object of charity, as far as I know) to receive Advice and Medicines at the Dispensary, for the term of two months from this date.

A. B.

FORM OF A TICKET FOR A PERSON TO BE VISITED AT HIS
OWN HABITATION.

To Mr. Francis Whaley, Apothecary to the Dispensary, at
his house in Colliergate.

Sir,

You are requested, as soon as convenient, to visit
at _____ who is poor
and confined to _____ room ; and if necessary, to report the case
to the attending Physician or Surgeon.

A. B.

It appears that during the first year of the existence of the Dispensary upwards of *nine hundred patients* had been admitted to receive the benefits of the Institution : and as no complaints had been made as to its management, the Directors were encouraged to make a second appeal, through the medium of the York papers, to the Subscribers, soliciting a continuance of their subscriptions ; and to others, to become Subscribers to so laudable and excellent an institution. Mr. John Wright the Treasurer, who had for some time been declining in health, died 21st of May, 1789, aged 49 years ; and on the 27th of the same month, Mr. Whaley, who had been previously in good health, and in the prime of life, being only in his 32nd year, was attacked with fever, supposed by his family to have originated from infection caught in his attendance upon the poor ; and which soon assumed the character of typhus,* and terminated fatally, in the course of less than a fortnight.

* During the first twenty years of my connection with the Dispensary, fevers assuming this type were of much more frequent occurrence, than in the present day. The diminution is probably owing to the great improvements which have been made amongst the poor with regard to ventilation and cleanliness ; and also to the improved state of medical treatment of fevers, as well as of diseases in general.

Thus the Charity was deprived by death, in the same month, of its Treasurer and Apothecary: both having discharged their respective duties with credit to themselves, in a manner highly satisfactory to the Directors of the Dispensary, and with benefit to the Institution. Having myself been so connected with the Institution from its commencement, I can bear testimony to the humane and diligent attention, which my predecessor paid to the sick poor, during the whole time he was spared to discharge his duties; and I have no doubt the labour and anxiety he experienced in the discharge of those duties greatly contributed to shorten his days.

In consequence of the decease of the Treasurer and the Apothecary; a general meeting of the Directors was held at the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate, June 5th, 1789, when it was unanimously resolved—

‘That Mr. Edward Prest be appointed a Director and Treasurer to this Institution, in the room of the late Mr. John Wright: and that Mr. Oswald Allen, the assistant of the late Mr. Francis Whaley, be requested to perform the duty of Apothecary to this Institution, until the 17th day of August next; on which day at twelve o'clock, the Directors are desired to meet, for the purpose of electing an Apothecary in the room of Mr. Francis Whaley, deceased.’

At a numerous meeting of the Directors of the York Dispensary, held on Monday, August 17th, 1789, (Mr. Alderman Wilson in the Chair) it was unanimously resolved—

‘That Mr. Oswald Allen, of this City, be the Apothecary

to this Institution, in the room of the late Mr. Francis Whaley; and that he be in future a Director of this Charity.'

At the annual meeting of the Directors, held on March 28th, 1790, it appeared from the report of patients admitted, that the number had increased, during the last year, nearly *one hundred*, as compared with the year preceding.

At this meeting the salary of the Apothecary was fixed to be in future £60. per annum; which remained, without any increase, during the whole period of my continuance in the office. I never applied for any increase of salary: though such a sum was no adequate remuneration for my labours in a pecuniary point of view; yet I felt myself amply compensated, by the pleasure I experienced in my services amongst the poor, and the extensive field of practice thus afforded me for observation, and the acquisition of medical knowledge.

On the 16th of April, 1790, another meeting of the Directors was held, and the following resolutions were unanimously passed, and ordered to be recorded as rules for the future government of the Dispensary:—

'That four attending Physicians, and four Surgeons are competent for doing the business of the Dispensary; and that this number be the limited one in future: and that in case of vacancy by death or resignation, that the appointment of such Physician or Surgeon be vested with the Directors, and decided by vote.'

To the Annual Report of patients published in the York papers for the year 1789, to March 28th, 1790, a long address was appended, stating the extensive benefits arising to the poor of the City of York and its neighbourhood, from this charitable Institution, and the general approbation and encouragement it met with, from people of all ranks; at the same time clearly proving that the Dispensary did not by any means militate against the York County Hospital, (as had been insinuated) but on the contrary, was an auxiliary to that Institution, as the numerous poor of this City and neighbourhood could not be supplied with advice and medicines from that Institution alone: the number of Subscribers not being adequate to the number of the distressed objects, who daily apply for assistance; and several of whom required to be visited at their own habitations, &c.

At a general meeting of the Directors, held August 27th, 1790, George Ewbank, Esq. was chosen a Director, in the room of the Rev. Wm. Dade, deceased; and Mr. John Champney was unanimously appointed a Surgeon, and also a Director in the room of Mr. John Peacock, who had resigned, having removed from York to Darlington; where he continued to practice, until a very advanced age, and is now deceased.

In this year, Dr. White died, after a long and tedious illness, though not long confined to his room. He was a Physician of considerable talent; and had his life been prolonged, with the enjoyment of health, he would

in all probability, have had a very extensive practice. In consequence of his connection with the York Dispensary, to which he was most punctual in his attendance, I was brought much into contact with him, and I experienced a considerable share of his confidence and friendship. I became his medical attendant, along with Drs. Hunter and Withers, during his last illness, and I shall ever retain a grateful remembrance of his uniform respect and kindness towards me, upon all occasions.

In November following, Dr. Joseph Cappe was appointed a Physician, in the room of the late Dr. White; but he appeared at the time he was elected, to be in a very delicate state of health; evidently labouring under some pulmonary affection, which rendered him unable to become so efficient, as he would otherwise have been, had his health permitted. His life was very suddenly terminated, by a rupture of a blood-vessel in the lungs. I had previously been engaged to drink tea with him in the afternoon of that day, for the purpose of having some conversation respecting the Dispensary, to which he had so lately been appointed a Physician.

At the same meeting of the Directors, Mr. Jowett and Mr. L. Terry were chosen Directors, in the room of George Ewbank, Esq. and Mr. Alderman Siddall, who had both resigned. At this meeting I was directed to apply to the Rev. Mr. Lowe, Vicar of Brotherton, to request he would preach a Sermon in behalf of the York Dispensary, which he declined in conse-

quence of having to visit his Living in the south, at that time. * As Mr. Lowe was not able to comply with the request of the Directors, I was desired to apply to the Rev. C. Atkinson, of Bolton Percy, who very readily complied : and previous to his preaching the Sermon, I furnished him with a Dispensary Report, and every other necessary information respecting the nature of the Institution.

At a general meeting of the Directors, held February 25th, 1791, it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Thomasson in future be a consulting Physician ;† which, along with the decease of Dr. Joseph Cappe, made two vacancies in the office of attending Physicians ; and Dr. Crowther and Dr. Fearne were appointed to fill up the vacancies thus arising. It was at the same time unanimously agreed, that the Sermon for the benefit of this Charity, be preached on Wednesday the 16th day of March next ; and I was desired to communicate the same to the Rev. C. Atkinson : which Sermon he preached on that day, after which was collected the sum of £35. 6s. 2d.

* The Rev. Mr. Stillingfleet, of Kelfield, preached the first Sermon at St. Michael-le-Belfrey, on behalf of the Dispensary, on the 9th day of April, 1788, and the sum of £22. 13s. 10d. was collected ; to which he himself had liberally contributed : and his widow at her decease left a legacy of £200. to that Institution ; which was the first bequest received by the Charity. And the Rev. Mr. Dealtry preached a Sermon on behalf of this Charity, April 15th, 1789, at which was collected the sum of £16. 7s. 6½d.

† Dr. Thomasson had been many years resident in the East Indies, by which his general health had been greatly impaired, and he was rendered unequal to the discharge of any laborious professional duties ; therefore he wished to retire as a consulting Physician.

Upon announcing to Dr. Crowther his appointment as one of the Physicians to the Dispensary, he wished to decline the honour, knowing that a constant and regular attendance would be inconvenient to his family.

“In publishing the Annual Report of the Dispensary for 1790, to March 28th, 1791, the following address was appended: “It affords singular satisfaction to the Directors of the York Dispensary, to observe the great benefit arising to the poor of the City of York and its neighbourhood, from this charitable Institution; and likewise the general approbation and encouragement it meets with, from people of all ranks. As was formerly observed, it does by no means militate against the York County Hospital, but is an auxiliary to it. It is a certain fact, that the numerous poor of this City, and its neighbourhood, cannot be supplied with advice and medicines from that Hospital alone: the number of Subscribers, not being adequate to the distressed objects, who daily apply for assistance. Hence the great difficulty arising to the poor of procuring recommendations to the County Hospital; and if the York Dispensary did not afford a further supply to their wants, many of them (however wretched and deplorable their situation) would be left to languish under their diseases, without any regular medical assistance provided for their relief. Upwards of *one thousand* patients have been admitted to receive the benefits of advice and medicines during the last *twelve months* from the Dispensary; and a great many of them attentively visited at their own houses, which proves the very ex-

tensive utility of this Charity. Were any addition to that proof necessary, the foregoing report would give the strongest that could possibly be afforded: for it states that on the 28th ultimo, no less than *one hundred and seventy-five* persons were receiving the blessing of the best medical aid this City could procure; and it will not be doubted, but a majority of such persons (had this Institution not been established) must have lingered under the combined pressure of sickness and poverty, without being able to have the former alleviated by such advice and assistance; and the latter rendered less bitter by the hope of a restorative to former health. The Directors are happy to perceive, that by the foregoing annual statement of the accounts, which they have carefully examined and approved of, there appears to be a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer; but they think it their duty to impress on the mind of the public, that this circumstance has arisen from the contributions of the Sermons preached for the benefit of the Institution in the years 1790 and 1791; (the former having been immediately after the last year's report, and the latter a few days previous to the drawing up of the present) and they therefore hope, that they may again appeal to the benevolence of the charitable and humane: trusting that such will not only continue to contribute their subscriptions to a *Charity*, which is universally allowed to be *a great public benefit*, but that they will by their generous donations, further extend its utility, and thereby enable the Directors to prove, that it is truly a Dispensary for the relief of the poor of this City and its environs."

Dr. Crowther having declined to accept the office of Physician to the Dispensary, a meeting of the Directors was held August 19th, 1791, when it was proposed by one of the Directors, that three Physicians are fully competent to transact the business of this Charity, and that the election of another is unnecessary. This proposal was negatived by a majority of votes ; and it was resolved, that the rule of April 16, 1790, limiting to four Physicians, and four Surgeons should remain in force ; and that another Physician be elected in the room of Dr. Crowther who has resigned : and it was then unanimously agreed, that Dr. Ray Beckwith, be appointed a Physician and a Director of this Charity, in the room of Dr. Crowther who has resigned. And it was also at the same time unanimously agreed, that whenever a vacancy occurs either among Physicians or Surgeons, no election shall take place until the candidate or candidates shall have made a tender of their services by letters addressed to the Directors of the Charity.

In this year Mr. Champney declined to continue his attendance of the midwifery department : which resignation was accepted, accompanied by a vote of thanks for his diligent attendance on the cases of midwifery ; and at the same time the Directors wished to inform him of their concern that he could no longer conveniently continue his attendance in that department.

Dr. Fearne who had been appointed one of the Physicians to the Institution in February, 1791, (at

the same time with Dr. Crowther) became very irregular in his attendance, in so much that several complaints were made by the Subscribers, as well as the patients, of his negligence and inattention; and the other three attending Physicians, also felt themselves compelled to remonstrate with him upon the subject, by addressing to him the following note :

York Dispensary, September 27, 1792.

Sir,

The Physicians of the York Dispensary having received frequent complaints from the Subscribers and patients, of your not giving regular attendance to that Charity, feel themselves extremely mortified to be under the necessity of expressing to you the inconveniences which must naturally arise from the neglect of any individuals, however *low* their situation may be; and therefore wish to be informed by you whether or no you mean any longer to attend that Charity. They will be happy to receive from Dr. Fearne a speedy answer, as by that they will be obliged to regulate their conduct.

In consequence of the above address, Dr. Fearne sent in his resignation on the following Friday, October 5th, being the half-yearly meeting of the Directors, in a note addressed to Mr. Prest the Treasurer, of which the following is a copy :

Dr. Fearne requests Mr. Prest will present his compliments to the Governors of the York Dispensary, and inform them he wishes to decline officiating there. The Doctor's private concerns having occasioned his being absent from York several months, prevented him having the opportunity of paying that attention he readily does to any institution having the semblance of charity.

It was unanimously resolved, that Dr. Fearn's resignation which has now been read, be accepted. At the same time it was agreed, at the request of Mr. James Atkinson, that in future all midwifery patients belonging this Charity, be transferred to the care of Mr. John Champney. And that Mr. Emanuel Stabler be a Director of this Charity, in the room of Dr. Swainston, deceased. *

In consequence of the difficulty of procuring the regular attendance of four Physicians, the Directors came to the determination at a general meeting held January 25th, 1793, that in future the Physicians and Surgeons attending this Charity be limited to three of each. This resolution originated from the circumstance, in a great measure, of Dr. Fearn having for so many months absented himself from the Dispensary, and leaving the duties to be performed by the three attending Physicians, who had expressed their willingness to continue those services.

At a meeting of the Directors held April 5th, 1793, it was unanimously resolved that Dean Fountayne, Rev. Mr. Stillingfleet, John Fairfax, Esq., Dr. Fowler, Wm. Gray, Esq., Mr. Saunders, and Mr. Drake be

* Dr. Swainston's state of health and other infirmities, had long confined him to his room, which rendered him unable to attend the Dispensary; but as a consulting Physician and a Subscriber, he was at all times ready to render the Charity every service in his power. I had occasionally in my official capacity to call upon him, and he was at all times particularly affable and condescending in his manners, which were those of an accomplished gentleman.

Directors, in the room of those who have vacated by death, or resignation. It was also resolved at this meeting that the rule of July, 1788, respecting the attendance of Physicians and Surgeons be strictly adhered to.

N. B. At the above meeting it was particularly recommended that the Physicians and Surgeons should meet on some future day, in order to revise the Pharmacopœia of the Dispensary, with the view of diminishing the expense of the medicines.

At a general meeting of the Directors held November 8th, 1793, it was unanimously resolved, that James Murray, Esq. be appointed a Director of this Charity, in the room of Alderman Myers, deceased; but he never once attended a meeting of the Directors, which had been the case of some other Directors, who considering, no doubt, their appointment as purely honorary, gave themselves no further trouble respecting the management of the affairs of the Institution.

The annual meeting of the Directors was convened on April 4th, 1794, to audit the Treasurer's accounts; and there appearing a surplus of *one hundred pounds* in his hands, it was ordered to be invested in the public funds; and the Treasurer was directed, in future to invest any sums in his hands, arising from donations, legacies, &c. Thus originated a fund which has been gradually increasing ever since.* It was at the same meeting resolved, that the thanks of the Directors be

* Sermons had been preached in the preceding year by several of the Clergymen in their respective churches in behalf of this Charity, when the sum of £93. 18s. 7½d. was collected.

given to the respective Clergymen of this City, who had preached Sermons for the benefit of this Charity; and as the receipts arising therefrom were fully equal to the expectations of the Committee, and as the Charity had been materially assisted thereby, it was also resolved that the said Clergymen be requested to preach Sermons in their respective churches for the same benevolent purposes, during the course of the ensuing year.

At the annual meeting of the Directors, held in April, 1795, it was resolved,—

‘That the thanks of the Directors be given to those Clergymen who have preached a Sermon for the benefit of this Charity; and also that every such Clergyman shall have seven Dispensary tickets, to be distributed amongst the poor.’

In the month of May, 1795, Mr. Champney resigned his office of Surgeon to the Dispensary; which resignation was accepted by the Directors: who at the same time passed a vote of thanks for his services, and expressed their concern that he could no longer with convenience continue his attendance in that department. Mr. Drake having made a tender of his services to succeed Mr. Champney as Surgeon to the Institution—it was unanimously agreed at a subsequent meeting that Mr. Drake be a Surgeon and Man-midwife to this Charity.

During the years 1796, 1797 to the annual meeting held April 5th, 1798 there appears to have been no

occurrence of any moment, (except that Sermons had been preached at different churches during those three years, at which was collected the sum of £71. 1s. 3d., which proved a seasonable assistance to the finances of the Charity) beyond the ordinary business of each year: such as auditing the Treasurer's accounts, publishing the Annual Report of patients, and addressing the public on behalf of the Charity.* At this meeting it appears that Dr. Robert Cappe was chosen a Director, in the room of the Rev. Edward Stillingfleet, deceased.

In December, 1799, Mr. Alderman Smith, Mr. John Dodsworth, Mr. John Epworth, Mr. Anthony Thorpe, and Mr. Robert Spence were appointed Directors, in the room of Dr. Ray Beckwith, Mr. Jowett, and James Murray, Esq., deceased; and John Fairfax, Esq. and Mr. Leonard Terry, who had left this City. And at this meeting Dr. Robert Cappe was chosen a Physician to this Institution, in the room of the late Dr. Ray Beckwith: and at the same time it was resolved, that an application be made on behalf of this Charity by Mr. Alderman Wilson and Mr. Prest to the Directors, Governors, or Stewards of the York County Hospital, the Lunatic Asylum, and the Charity Schools, to desire them to join in a request to the Commissioners of the Stamp Office, to induce them to furnish an account of

* It appears from the records of the Dispensary, that Sermons in behalf of the Charity were preached in the years 1799 and 1800, producing together £64. 11s. 9½d.; but the names of the Clergymen are not mentioned: though I very well remember that the Rev. Wm. Richardson, and also the Rev. John Graham each preached a Sermon in behalf of the Charity; therefore they must be the two individuals whose names do not appear in the records of the Dispensary, who were both warm advocates on behalf of the Institution.

the different legacies, donations, and subscriptions to each Charity, to be inserted in the York papers free from the duty on advertisements, as had constantly been the practice till within a few months past. It was also resolved, that after the 28th day of March next, all tickets for the admission of patients, issued from this Institution, shall bear date on the 28th of March in each year; and shall be received at any time within twelve months from that date.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 4th, 1800, (Thomas Fowler, M. D., Chairman *) it was ordered, that in conformity to the above resolution, the words, ‘*This recommendation to be received at any time within twelve months from this date, March 28th, 1800,*’ be inserted in the printed forms, and that public notice shall be given in the York papers of such alteration.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 13th, 1801, it was resolved, that there be an annual Sermon preached for the benefit of this Charity; and a deputation of two Directors were appointed to wait upon the Rev. Wm. Richardson to request him to

* Dr. Fowler, who was appointed the first Physician to that excellent Institution the Retreat, established in the year 1796, (see Mr. Samuel Tuke’s Description published in 1813) having been early acquainted with my late father, as well as with the family in York, to whom I was related, and also more closely connected by marriage, we became very intimate; and though in age there was a great disparity; yet our mutual intercourse was confidential, and to me generally very instructive, for he was a person of general information and considerable experience in the various departments of human life. He died in London in consequence of a fall from his horse, some where near London Bridge, in the year 1801, and I deeply lamented the loss of so kind a friend.

lend his church for that purpose : and it was also resolved that the Rev. Mr. Gilby be requested to preach the Charity Sermon for the current year ; with which request he complied by preaching a sermon in the behalf of the Charity, which produced £43. 6s. 2½*d.* The Directors adjourned their meeting to the following Friday, in order to determine whether the practice of midwifery shall be continued or not.

At the adjourned meeting held April 17th, 1801, it was resolved that in consequence of the death of Mr. John Champney the practice of midwifery in this Charity, should be discontinued. Mr. Champney was one of my most early intimate medical acquaintance, and his habits of industry and persevering diligence in the discharge of his professional duties, especially during his connexion with the Dispensary, considerably increased our mutual feelings of friendship for each other. In age he was not much my senior, yet after an interval of now above forty years, I am still spared to survive him, as well as all the original medical Officers and Directors of the Dispensary. This consideration almost daily fills my mind with awful and serious impressions, both as to gratitude to a kind overruling Providence, and also at my advanced age, as I must look soon to be removed, like all my predecessors, from this scene of labour and anxiety.

At a general meeting on Friday the 15th day of May, Mr. Edward Wallis was appointed a Surgeon to this Institution, in the room of Mr. John Champney, deceased.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 9th, 1802, after the usual business of examining the Treasurer's accounts and other arrangements, it was ordered that a meeting of the Directors should be called on Thursday next, for the purpose of filling up such vacancies in the Directorship as might then appear. And at the same meeting it was resolved that the Rev. G. Markham be requested to preach the annual Sermon for the benefit of this Charity: with which request he complied by preaching a sermon which produced £48. 17s. 6d.

At a general meeting of the Directors of the Dispensary, April 15th, 1802, it was resolved that the Rev. George Markham, Rev. Robert Croft, S. W. Nicholl, Esq., Mr. Wm. Tuke, and Mr. David Russell be appointed Directors of this Charity, in the room of those who were deceased. And another meeting of the Directors was held June 4th, 1802, when Mr. Joseph Buckle was chosen a Director of the Charity.

Dr. Robert Cappe who had been appointed a Physician to this Institution on December 27th, 1799, was much esteemed by his medical brethren in York, as a scientific and judicious practitioner, as well as an honourable man in the profession. He was kind and attentive to the poor, and though possessing considerable talents, yet he was modest and unassuming in his manners; and had his life been spared, with the enjoyment of health, there was every probability that his practice would have become extensive; but like his late brother Dr. Joseph Cappe, he laboured under a pulmonary disease, which compelled him in the Autumn of 1802, to

leave York for a more southern clime: but he did not survive the voyage, dying before he landed to proceed to his destined residence in Italy. Before his departure from York, the medical gentlemen presented a memorial to him, expressive of their esteem for his professional character, and their sincere sympathy and earnest wish that the change of climate might prove beneficial, by restoring him to health and strength, and enabling him to return to York and to resume his position amongst them.

At a general meeting of the Directors held December 27th, 1802, in consequence of the announcement of the death of Dr. Robert Cappe, it was resolved—

‘That this meeting be adjourned to Friday, January 7th, 1803, at twelve o’clock to proceed to the election of a Physician, in the room of the late Dr. Robert Cappe; and afterwards to choose two Directors, in the place of the said Dr. Cappe and Mr. John Hepworth, deceased; and that notice thereof be given to each of the present Directors.’

‘At this same meeting it was resolved—That an application be forthwith made to the Governors, Deputy Governors, Wardens, and other members of the Merchants’ Company, requesting them to permit the Physicians to have the use of the inner room in the Hall, in the same manner as they formerly had, on such times as the said Company may deem proper and reasonable.’

A very numerous meeting of the Directors took place on January 7th, 1803, when Dr. Best was unanimously appointed a Physician to this Institution, and

also a Director in the room of the late Dr. Robert Cappe: and at the same time Dr. Stephen, was appointed a Director in the room of the late Mr. John Hepworth.

At a general meeting of the Directors held April 15th, 1803, Mr. John Crosby was appointed a Director in the room of Mr. Garencieres, deceased: and it was also resolved at the same time—

‘That on the opening of the 4 per Cent. Stock, that £500. in that stock be purchased, provided it can be bought at £80. per Cent. or under; and that the said stock be invested in the names of Thomas Wilson, Esq., Wm. Gray, Gentleman, Edward Prest, Druggist, and Oswald Allen, Apothecary, all of the City of York.’

At the same meeting it was resolved, that the Rev. Robert Croft be requested to preach the annual Sermon on behalf of this Charity, which he did on Trinity Sunday, and there was collected after the sermon £41. 19s. 7d.

At a meeting held April 22nd, 1803, it was resolved—

‘That the sum of £400. now lying in the Bank of Messrs. Wilson and Co. be forthwith invested in the 4 per Cents. and in the same names in which the above sum of £500. is invested.’

At the annual meeting held April 6th, 1804, it was ordered—

‘That on the opening of the 4 per Cent. Consols £150. be purchased in that stock, in the same names as the £500.

bought last year stands: and at the same time it was resolved, that Dr. Best, Mr. E. Wallis, and Mr. Allen be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts belonging this Institution: and also that Dr. Withers, Mr. Alderman Wilson, and Mr. Prest do prepare the Annual Report, and cause the same to be published.'

At a general meeting of the Directors held April 13th, 1804, it was resolved—

'That the Rev. John Gillow be a Director of this Charity, in the room of Dr. Stephen who had resigned: and also at the same time it was agreed that a sum not exceeding *two guineas* be given for the purchase of leeches, (in the proper season) to be in possession of the person who has the care of this Dispensary.'

I wish to notice this item of expense by way of contrast to what has been the amazing increase of expenditure in leeches during the last twenty-one years, averaging about *forty pounds* per annum. Allowing for the present highly improved state of medical practice in the cure of diseases in general, and especially in having recourse more frequently to topical instead of general bleeding; yet *query*, whether cases do not occasionally occur where general bleeding would be equally, if not more efficacious; and if so, it would be a material saving of expense to the Institution, which has for many years become so serious an item in its expenditure.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held on April 5th, 1805, Mr. Drake and Mr. Allen were ap-

pointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts; and there was appointed the same Committee of gentlemen as last year, to prepare the Annual Report for publication, and also at the same time arrangements were made to have a Sermon preached for the benefit of the Institution. And also at the same meeting it was resolved that the yearly salary to be allowed to the individual who takes care of the Dispensary in future, be fixed at *five guineas*.

Dr. Lawson and Mr. James Atkinson having for a considerable time, ceased to attend to the discharge of their duties as Officers of the Institution, without assigning any reason, except complaining of the want of proper accommodation, it was resolved—

‘That a deputation of two Directors do wait upon Dr. Lawson and Mr. Atkinson to know whether they mean to continue their attendance upon the Charity in future or not.’

At an adjourned meeting of the Directors held on April 19th, 1805, it was unanimously agreed—

‘That the Treasurer do purchase £200. in the 4 per Cent. Stock for this Institution, out of the money now in his hands; or a larger sum if he is opinion that money can be spared for the purpose. The two Directors who had been deputed to wait upon Dr. Lawson and Mr. Atkinson, reported to this meeting, that they have both agreed to resume and continue their attendance upon this Charity in future.’

A meeting of the Directors was convened on September 20th, 1805, to make arrangements for the pur-

pose of procuring a popular Clergyman to preach a Sermon for the benefit of this Charity ; and Dr. Withers, Dr. Best, and Mr. Alderman Wilson were appointed a Committee to carry such arrangement into effect. And it was finally arranged that Dr. Best be requested to apply to the Canon then in residence to request him to preach such sermon on the behalf of this Charity ; which appears to have been complied with, though the name of the individual is not recorded ; but there was collected after the sermon £40. 7s. 4d. This appears to be the last sermon which was preached for the benefit of the Dispensary, in consequence of the great difficulty the Directors experienced in procuring a popular preacher ; as other charitable Institutions had similar claims to make upon their services.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 11th, 1806, it was ordered—

‘That Dr. Best and Mr. Edward Wallis do examine the Treasurer’s accounts ; and that Dr. Withers, Mr. Alderman Wilson, and Mr. Prest do prepare the Annual Report, and cause the same to be published.’

CHAPTER II.

Purchase of the House in St. Andrewgate—&c.

IN consequence of the great inconvenience which had been experienced for want of proper accommodations at the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate, the Directors were induced to look out for some more central and convenient situation, in which I warmly concurred. The house in St. Andrewgate was purchased, and a general meeting of the Directors was held on Friday, December 26th, 1806, for the purpose of announcing to the public the circumstance, and the following address was published.

“The Directors of this Charity think it is incumbent upon them to address the Public, on a subject which is particularly calculated to promote its interest. To enlarge on the utility and importance of this Institution to the poor and labouring classes of our fellow-citizens, is at present unnecessary. It is sufficient to observe that the nature of this establishment, and the circumstance that *seventeen thousand* having been admitted since its commencement in 1788, abundantly evince its extensive usefulness; and must recommend it still further to the support of the humane and charitable. But great as its benefits are, the extent of its operation has been limited, by the difficulty of procuring recommendations, and by other unfavourable circumstances. The Physicians and Surgeons of this Institution are not at present accommodated with

proper rooms for the examination of patients; and the poor and sickly attendants are, during the cold season of the year much exposed to injuries, from the want of a room properly warmed; as they have to wait till the medical Gentlemen have time to examine them. These material defects have been considered by the Directors, to be of so serious a nature, as to induce them to recommend the purchase of a house properly calculated for the purposes of the Institution. This has been effected, and a subscription entered into for discharging the amount. It is proposed, that every Subscriber of *Ten Guineas* and upwards, shall be entitled constantly to have one patient on the books. The Directors have not hesitated in the adoption of a measure so salutary and proper; being fully persuaded that it will meet with general approbation, and be supported by the cheerful and liberal donations of the Public. If the sum raised by this subscription, should exceed what is necessary to pay for the house and premises, the surplus will be vested so as to increase the permanent income of the Institution. This appropriation will doubtless be satisfactory to the Subscribers, as the present permanent income and annual subscriptions united, are far from being adequate to defray the unavoidable expenses of the Charity. The Directors of the York Dispensary take the liberty of transmitting to A. B. the prefixed address, and solicit the favour of your support to the proposed plan of establishing a house for the better conducting of that Charity, and of increasing the permanent fund."

York Dispensary, January, 1807.

Mr. Alderman Wilson being at that time Lord Mayor of York, he was instrumental to the following resolution being proposed and carried into effect:—

‘The Lord Mayor and Commonalty of the City of York have agreed to subscribe the Sum of Fifty Pounds towards the proposed plan of establishing a house for the better conducting of the York Dispensary, and of increasing the permanent fund, on condition that the Lord Mayor for the time being shall have the privilege of having one patient upon the books constantly. Resolved that the said subscription be accepted on the proposed conditions.’

At a general meeting of the Directors held on Friday, February 20th, 1807, it was resolved—

‘That in order to augment the sum already subscribed towards purchasing a house, and increasing the permanent fund of this Institution, a Committee be appointed to make personal application to such of the opulent and respectable Inhabitants of this City, as the Committee may think proper. Resolved therefore that the Directors present (together with such other Director and Friends to the Charity as may be willing to give their assistance) be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.’

At the annual meeting of the Directors held on April 10th, 1807, for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer’s accounts; particularly his bill for Michaelmas, it was also resolved—

‘That the gentlemen who have been requested to obtain donations by personal application, be desired to finish their applications and pay over the money to the Treasurer in the

course of the next week, if practicable. It was also resolved, that the surplus of such donations, after paying the purchase money of the house for the Dispensary, and the attendant expenses, be invested in the purchase of additional 4 per Cent. Stock by the Trustees, in the names of Messrs. Wilson, Gray, Prest, and Allen. It was also resolved, that the house purchased of Mr. Cobb for the Dispensary, be conveyed to Messrs. Wilson, Gray, Prest, Allen, Thomas Swann, Henry Bland, Jonathan Gray, Anthony Thorpe, David Russell, and Wm. Oldfield, in trust for the Charity, by a deed; the draft of which shall be proposed and submitted to the approbation of a future meeting. It was also resolved, that Dr. Withers, Alderman Wilson, Wm. Gray, Esq., and Mr. Prest do prepare the Annual Report, and submit the same to the next meeting.'

At a general meeting of the Directors held October 9th, 1807, it was resolved—

'And we hereby order and direct that the house and premises purchased of Mr. Cobb for the use of the York Dispensary, be conveyed to the gentlemen named in the resolution of the 10th of April last, with the substitution of the name of Dr. Best in the room of Mr. Russell who is the holder of a term, affecting the title. Resolved, that the draft of the conveyance of the house purchased of Mr. Cobb, which has been submitted to our consideration and approved, be immediately engrossed for execution. Resolved, that Dr. Best, Mr. Allen, Mr. Tuke, and Mr. Prest be appointed a Committee to look over the house purchased of Mr. Cobb, and to direct such repairs and alterations, and also to purchase such furniture, fixtures, and other things as they may deem necessary.'

At a general meeting of the Directors held November 24th, 1807, resolved—

‘That John Mackay and his wife be engaged to reside in, and take care of the house appropriated to the use of this Dispensary, and be continued in that situation during the pleasure of the Directors. That they be permitted to live rent-free, and be furnished with coals, soap, brushes, and other requisites for cleaning the rooms, which they have engaged to do. That the Physicians and Surgeons of this Charity be requested to meet on an early day, in order to revise its Pharmacopœia, with a view to improve the same, and to diminish the expense of the medicines.’ *

‘That in the opinion of this meeting, the attendance of three Physicians and three Surgeons, at one fixed hour, would be very beneficial to the patients; and that these gentlemen be requested to consult and agree upon an hour of the day, on which they can most conveniently attend. The regular attendance of three Physicians being indispensably necessary for the purposes of the Dispensary; and it appearing to this meeting that Dr. Lawson has not attended as a Physician since February, 1807; and that there is now proper accommodation for each of the Physicians. Resolved—that Dr. Lawson be now applied to, and requested to signify his determination as to the resuming his functions; and that the

* A similar request had been repeatedly made by the Directors at their previous meetings; but hitherto, I am sorry to observe, without much effect. Though I am now glad to observe that the medical Officers of the Institution have lately been much engaged in compiling a Pharmacopœia, with the view of carrying into effect the recommendation of the Directors, which I hope will soon be accomplished. To have a well-digested and established Dispensary Pharmacopœia, I conceive would be of considerable importance, not only by reducing the expense of medicine, but in diminution of the labour of compounding, without any loss to the patients as regards the cure or relief of their disease.

Chairman be requested for that purpose, to transmit to him a copy of this order.

‘Resolved—that a Court of Directors be held quarterly, viz. on the second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October, precisely at Eleven o’clock, for the management of the concerns of this Institution; and that five Directors do constitute a court.

‘Resolved—that the children of the poor be inoculated with the Cow Pox every Friday, between the hours of Eleven and Twelve o’clock, without a recommendation.’

‘Resolved—that as it has hitherto been the practice of this Institution, no servants whatever be visited in their places of abode.’

At a general meeting of the Directors held January 12th, 1808, Mr. Alderman Wilson, the Chairman of the last meeting, reported that Dr. Lawson in consequence of the application made to him by order of the last meeting, had declared his intention not to continue an acting Physician under this Institution:—

‘Resolved—that a summons be immediately sent to every Director of the Dispensary, requesting his attendance at a meeting to be held on February 19th, 1808, to decide on the expediency of electing a third Physician to this Institution; and it is particularly requested that the present Physicians and Surgeons will attend on the above occasion, to give their opinion on the propriety of the measures.’

At a general meeting of the Directors of the York Dispensary, held at their house in St. Andrewgate, February 19th, 1808, it was resolved—

‘ That in the opinion of this meeting it would be expedient to add a third Physician to the Institution. Resolved unanimously, that Dr. S. Beckwith be appointed to be such third Physician in the room of Dr. Lawson whose resignation was signified to the last meeting.’

‘ At the same time it was resolved, that the thanks of this meeting be given to the present Physicians, Dr. Withers and Dr. Best, for their regular and assiduous attention to the interests of this Institution.’

Deeply regretting Dr. Lawson’s irregular attendance of late, as one of the Physicians to the Institution, and though Dr. Withers and Dr. Best continued to do the whole of the duties of that department, it appeared to me indispensably necessary that a third Physician should be appointed for the purpose of carrying on efficiently the management of a Charity which was evidently increasing in the extent of its usefulness and popularity.

Having for sometime been acquainted with Dr. Stephen Beckwith, and conceiving him in every respect highly qualified to discharge the duties of Physician to the Institution, not only on account of his professional attainments, but also from his regular methodical habits, as to attention and punctuality, I presumed to recommend him very strongly to the Directors as a proper person to be appointed in the room of Dr. Lawson, whose resignation had been communicated to them last meeting, and he was immediately unanimously elected ; and during his attendance as Physician to the Institution for upwards of thirty-three years, my most san-

guine anticipations were fully realized, as to his uniformly regular attendance, and the interest he took in the Charity, of which he has left a lasting memorial, in the very munificent legacy which he has bequeathed to it. I immediately communicated to him his appointment, which he acknowledged by the following note directed to myself.

Coney-street, February 20th, 1808.

Sir,

I was favoured with your note of yesterday, announcing my having been elected a Physician to the Dispensary, be pleased to return my sincere thanks to the Directors, and to assure them that my best endeavours shall be used to discharge the duties of the situation they have so handsomely conferred upon me.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedt. humble Servant,

S. BECKWITH.

To Mr. Allen.

After having spent the most valuable part of my life in the service of the Dispensary, I was prevailed upon by my family and friends to resign the situation; they conceiving that my health might be irreparably injured by a further continuation of the labours arising from the duties of an extensive private practice combined with those of a public Dispensary. I yielded with some reluctance to separate myself from an Institution in the welfare of which I had always experienced such a deep interest; and from the great satisfaction I felt in being placed in a situation, where I had the opportunity of rendering any service to the sick and distressed poor of the City of York. I felt myself amply

rewarded for all my labours, by the expressions of gratitude I received from the poor, and the extensive field of professional practice afforded me; added to the consciousness, that in the exercise of those services, I was only discharging duties which had been so kindly imposed upon me.

Conceiving that by the purchase of the house in St. Andrewgate, the Dispensary had now assumed the character of permanency, I came to the resolution, after twenty years severe labour in its service, to resign my office as Apothecary; and I addressed the following letter to the Directors, tendering my resignation, at their meeting held April 19th, 1808.

York, April 19th, 1808.

Gentlemen,

Finding myself, in consequence of my private engagements in my profession, unable to continue those exertions which I have hitherto conceived it my duty to exercise as the Apothecary to the York Dispensary, during a period of twenty years, I must beg you to accept my resignation; and at the same time, of my grateful acknowledgements of the pleasure and satisfaction I have all along experienced from a consciousness that my labours met with your approbation. I shall continue to officiate as usual at the Dispensary until you have appointed me a successor; and shall ever feel an earnest wish for the future prosperity of an Institution which is so highly calculated to administer relief and comfort to the diseased poor.

I am, gentlemen, with sincere respects,

Your much obliged humble Servant,

OSWALD ALLEN.

To the Directors of the York Dispensary.

The Directors upon receiving my resignation, immediately adopted the following resolutions :—

‘ Mr. Oswald Allen having tendered his resignation as Apothecary to the Dispensary,—Resolved that the same be accepted, and that Mr. Allen be requested, according to his offer, to discharge the duties of that situation until a successor be appointed.

‘ Resolved—that the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Allen for his great diligence, attention, and humanity, as well as medical skill uniformly exercised towards the diseased poor of the York Dispensary, for a period of nearly twenty years.

‘ Resolved—that a special meeting of the Directors be called for the purpose of electing an Apothecary in the room of Mr. Allen, to be held at this place, on Tuesday, the 24th day of May next, at Eleven o’clock in the forenoon.’

The Chairman in forwarding to me the foregoing resolutions, accompanied them with the following kind note :

Minster Yard, April 19th, 1808.

Dear Sir,

In joining in the enclosed vote of thanks, I hope you will do me the credit to believe that every tittle was sincere, and all compliment out of the question. Such I am persuaded also was the feeling of every one present. I experience a regret equally sincere, that the Dispensary, and the poor under its care are to be deprived of your valuable services.

I am, dear Sir, faithfully yours,

WM. GRAY.

Immediately after having tendered my resignation, Mr. Sowerby offered himself as my successor. And

at a general meeting of the Directors held on the 24th day of May, 1808, the following resolution was passed :—

‘That Mr. James Joseph Sowerby be appointed to the office of Apothecary to this Institution, subject to the determination of a meeting of the Directors, to be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 1808, whether it will be advisable for him to reside in the house or not.’

At the adjourned meeting of the Directors held June 7th, 1808, the following resolutions were adopted :—

1st. ‘That it appears to this meeting that it is impracticable without additional assistance for the Apothecary to dispense medicines on the Friday to so great a number of patients, as at present attend ; therefore it is recommended to the medical Attendants to have three distinct days of admission ; and that only one Physician attend each day, except in cases of consultation, when notice must be given, and that the Physicians and Surgeons do confer upon the subject on Friday next.

2nd. ‘That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the Apothecary to this Institution, do in future reside in the Dispensary, rent-free, only subject to the payment of those taxes, which are in consequence of such residence ; and that the sum of *Five Guineas* be allowed for coals, per annum.

3rd. ‘That John Mackay and his wife be requested to look out for another situation, and that upon their removal from this house, to have a gratuity of *Five Guineas*.

4th. ‘That Dr. Beckwith be a Director of this Institution, in the room of Mr. Alderman Metcalfe who has declined his subscription.’

Upon my resignation of the office of Apothecary to the Dispensary, it was intimated to me by several of the Directors, that it was in contemplation to present me with some lasting memorial of their approbation of my conduct, in the discharge of those highly responsible duties, which had been imposed upon me. When this intention of the Directors was first communicated to me, I felt much gratified, but particularly requested that if the Charity should be called upon to bear the expense of such intended memorial, that it might not be expensive, as I knew that the funds of the Charity could not allow of such an expenditure; therefore I did not look at the pecuniary value of such memorial, but in that case, should prefer some small token, as the expression of their approbation. However the Directors very handsomely agreed amongst themselves to subscribe Two Guineas each, towards the purchase of a piece of Silver Plate, and a Committee was appointed to carry their intention into effect.

It was at last determined that the piece of plate should be a Silver Waiter, with a suitable inscription. This piece of plate (which I understood cost about sixty guineas) was presented to me through the medium of the Chairman, accompanied by the following very kind and friendly note.

Minster Yard, August 19th, 1808.

Mr. Gray presents his sincere respects to Mr. Allen, and forwards to him the piece of plate voted by the Directors of the Dispensary, which has been sent hither from *Prince*

and Cattle's. Mr. Gray hopes it will be found executed to Mr. and Mrs. Allen's satisfaction, and sincerely wishes them their health long to use it.

The following inscription was put upon the plate :

York, May 24th, 1808.

Presented by the Directors of the York Dispensary to Mr. OSWALD ALLEN, as a testimony of their high approbation, not only of his professional qualifications, but of his benevolent, successful, and unwearied attention to the diseased poor of this City, during a period of twenty years.

The presentation of similar testimonials has become much more common in the present day, than formerly ; and sometimes in reward of services not very important, which I think greatly depreciates their value ; therefore the value of the above memorial, which I have received from the Directors of the York Dispensary, is greatly enhanced in my estimation.

Dr. Withers the senior Physician to the Institution, also presented me upon the same occasion, upon my retiring from the Dispensary, with a very handsome Silver Bread Basket, with the following inscription :

Presented by Dr. WITHERS, to Mr. OSWALD ALLEN on his resignation of the office of Apothecary to the York Dispensary.

Dr. Withers was one of the original founders of the Dispensary, and continued his regular and punctual attendance, until he became confined in his last illness ; comprising a period of upwards of twenty years. He always appeared to have a peculiar pleasure in the ex-

ercise of his profession, and his attention to the poor I always greatly admired, of which I had such ample opportunities of observing in the course of my medical practice, especially amongst the poor belonging the Dispensary, for upwards of twenty years; and the advantages I derived from my intercourse with him upon medical subjects, were highly instructive and useful, and I shall ever remember with deep gratitude. For though the Physicians of the Dispensary originally declined visiting patients at their respective abodes, Dr. Withers was not only always ready to accompany me to any poor patients who required his advice, but would repeat his visits whenever it was required; which was often a great relief to my own mind; besides giving a sanction to my practice. Becoming connected with the family by marriage, our mutual friendship became more cemented, and the Dr. became a decided religious character, and for many years previous to his death, the Scriptures were his daily study; especially when he was engaged in writing his Poem on Redemption. In his last illness I was his constant attendant, and we had frequent opportunities of religious conversation together, which were gratifying to my mind, and I have no hesitation in saying, his end was peace. He died on the 12th of February, 1809.

Dr. Best who had been a very assiduous and regular attendant upon the Institution for upwards of six years; during a considerable portion of which he and Dr. Withers were the only two Physicians attending the Dispensary, in consequence of Dr. Lawson with-

drawing his attendance without having signified his intention of resigning. Dr. Best was a pleasing and an accomplished man, both as a gentleman and a Physician, and universally respected; but his health was delicate, and he was recommended to remove for a few months to a milder climate; and Dr. Beckwith undertook the care of his patients during his absence; for which he received the thanks of the Directors.

The death of Dr. Withers occasioned two vacancies, one in the County Hospital, and the other in the Dispensary. Dr. Wake and Dr. Bent both offered themselves as candidates; but as Dr. Bent succeeded to the appointment of the Hospital, he declined any further application for the Dispensary, leaving Dr. Wake the entire possession of the field, as will appear by the following letter, addressed to the Directors of the Dispensary.

Blakestreet, March 10th, 1809.

Gentlemen,

I sometime ago declared myself a candidate for the appointment of Physician to your Dispensary, and solicited your votes and interest; but having since then, been fortunate enough to obtain a similar appointment to the County Hospital, I must beg leave to state that I now decline any competition for the situation; at the same time I shall ever feel obliged to those Directors who promised me their votes, and beg they will accept my best thanks for their good wishes and kind intentions.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient and very humble Servant,

THOS. BENT.

Blakestreet, March 10th, 1809.

Gentlemen,

The vacancy which the death of the late esteemed Dr. Withers has occasioned in the Dispensary, induces me to offer my services, with the hope you may deem me eligible as his successor. A strict regard to the interests of the Charity, and a conscientious discharge of its professional duties, will best testify my gratitude, should you honour me with your confidence.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient and humble Servant,

BALDWIN WAKE.

Mr. Sowerby who had been appointed as my successor in the Dispensary, soon found himself unable to discharge the duties of his office as Apothecary, in consequence of having had some few years before, a paralytic stroke, which had not only evidently affected one side, but also his nervous system, which had become morbidly irritable; altogether rendering him unfit and unable to discharge the very arduous and extensive duties of his situation, which requires considerable strength of both body and mind, and therefore he had begged leave to resign: which resignation was accepted.

Dr. Wake was unanimously appointed a Physician and a Director of this Institution, in the room of the late Dr. Withers, at a meeting of the Directors held on the 10th day of March, 1809, and the same meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 23rd, instant, on particular business.

At the meeting held on March 23rd, it was ordered—

‘That in future the hours of delivering out medicines at the Dispensary be from Nine to Ten o’clock in the morning, and from Three to Four in the Afternoon ; and that this be notified upon a board to be put up at the House ; and on all Recommendations which shall hereafter be printed.’

At a general annual meeting of the Directors held April 17th, 1809, it was resolved,—

‘That £250, 4 per Cent. stock, be purchased by the Treasurer out of the money in his hands, or shortly to come in : and it was also resolved that Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, and Mr. Allen be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer’s accounts ; and at the sametime it was agreed that an advertisement should be inserted in the three York papers, announcing a meeting of the Directors at the Dispensary House, on Tuesday the 2nd of May next, to elect an Apothecary to this Institution, the office having become vacant by the resignation of Mr. Sowerby.’

Dr. Hunter who had been one of the original promoters of the establishment of the York Dispensary, continued his support of the Institution to his death, which occurred in the spring or rather early in the summer of 1809. I should be ungrateful, if I did not pay to his memory my tribute of gratitude and respect, for the many kind services I received from him, and especially the countenance he afforded me early in my professional career, when such services were to me of considerable importance.

The 2nd of May, 1809, being appointed for the

election of an Apothecary in the room of Mr. Sowerby, who had resigned, I therefore took the liberty of recommending Mr. John Wilson, as highly eligible for that situation; for he had not only served me faithfully and efficiently, while in my service, but he had been accustomed to officiate at the Dispensary, therefore had become fully acquainted with its various duties, and I had no doubt, if appointed as Mr. Sowerby's successor, he would give satisfaction to the Directors. At the expiration of his apprenticeship, I procured for him the situation of House-Surgeon to the York County Hospital; where he remained near six years, until he married, which obliged him to vacate that situation; and I felt great confidence, if he should be appointed to the Dispensary, he would prove a valuable acquisition to the Charity; and I have much pleasure in stating that my anticipations have been fully realized, and he has now continued to occupy that situation above *thirty-five years*; and I have no doubt still continues to feel as great an interest as ever in the prosperity and welfare of the Institution. He was unanimously appointed by the Directors as the Apothecary to the Dispensary, and I was requested to give him my assistance, until he became fully acquainted with the duties of the situation, to which I most readily and cheerfully acceded.

At a general meeting of the Directors held October 17th, 1809, it was resolved,—

‘That the Salary of the Apothecary to this Institution be increased to Seventy pounds per annum, from the commence-

ment of his service in May last: and it was also resolved that Mr. John Roper be appointed a Director of this Institution, in the room of Mr. Emanuel Stabler, deceased; and that in future all Directors shall be chosen from persons who shall be subscribers of One Guinea annually, or who shall be benefactors of Ten Guineas or upwards.'

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 17th, 1810, Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, and Mr. Allen were appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and also to draw up an address to the public, in conjunction with Dr. Best, whose assistance was requested for that purpose; and it was at the same time ordered—

'That a list of the subscribers with their places of residence, shall be made out, and a fair copy be placed in some conspicuous part of the Dispensary, that individuals applying for Recommendations, may at once see where they may make application for that purpose; and also that the Apothecary do give a fortnight's notice prior to the next quarterly court, that a Director will be chosen in the room of the late Mr. George Smith.'

At the quarterly meeting held July 10th, 1810, the Very Rev. Archdeacon Markham and Mr. Wm Oldfield were appointed Directors in the room of Mr. Alderman Smith, and Mr. George Smith, deceased.

At a quarterly court held on January 22nd, 1811, Mr. Wm. Mills was appointed a Director, in the room of Mr. Champney, deceased.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 2nd, 1811, Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, and Mr. Allen were appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

At the quarterly court held October 22nd, 1811, it was ordered,—

‘That such of the respectable and affluent inhabitants of York and its vicinity, as are not already subscribers to the Institution, be applied to for their support, by a short circular address from the Directors, including the printed Report; and that a complete list of such individuals be prepared at the next quarterly meeting, so that the proper application may be made to them early in the spring.’

At the general annual meeting of the Directors held April 7th, 1812, Mr. Richard Townend was appointed a Director of this Institution, in the place of the Rev. Mr. Gillow who had left York and signified his desire to withdraw himself from the Directorship. It was also resolved—

‘That Dr. Beckwith and Mr. Allen be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and that those gentlemen, along with Dr. Wake and Mr. Gray, be requested to prepare a circular letter or address, according to the orders of the last meeting, and also to superintend the printing of the Annual Report.’

During my medical attendance upon Mr. Matterson, Senior, who then resided in Bridge-street, in this City, he made several inquiries respecting the York Dispensary, and signified his intention of bequeathing *Twenty*

Guineas to that Institution; and the following is an extract from the Will, so far as relates to this Charity:

I give to the stewards of the Society commonly called Methodists at my decease (of which Messrs. Joseph Agar and Thomas Gibson are now the stewards) the sum of *Twenty Guineas* in trust; to apply the yearly interest thereof as a subscription towards the York Dispensary, in order to enable the stewards of the said Methodist Society to have the benefit, as far as the said annual subscription will extend, of the said Dispensary, for the use and comfort of such of the sick poor of York as the stewards for the time being of the said Methodist Society, shall think proper objects thereof.

Mr. Joseph Agar reported to Mr. Edward Prest the Treasurer of the Dispensary, that he and Mr. Thomas Gibson had received the *Twenty Guineas*, and invested the same in their joint names, in the five per Cent. Stock, and that on or about the 16th day of April in each year, they will pay *One Guinea* for seven Tickets, to be used as described above.

At a special meeting of the Directors held on the 24th day of November, 1812, it was ordered,—

‘That for the future the parents or friends of children brought to the Dispensary for vaccination, be required to deposit with the Apothecary, one shilling, to be returned on their producing the vaccinated person a second time at the Dispensary, on the seventh, eighth, or ninth day from the time of vaccination, at the hour to be fixed with the Apothecary.’

At the annual meeting of the Directors held on the 20th of April, 1813, it was ordered,—

‘ That Dr. Best, Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, and Mr. Allen be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer’s accounts, and to superintend the printing of 500 copies of the Annual Report for the present year: and also that an arranged list of the subscribers be printed, and hung up in a conspicuous situation in the Dispensary, according to the 8th existing regulation.’

At the quarterly court of the Directors held October 12th, 1813, it was ordered,—

‘ That the Treasurer be requested to purchase a Scarificator for the use of this Charity, with four Cupping Glasses, and a Lamp, and that the expense be paid out of the general fund of the Charity. And it was resolved, that the Rev. John Graham be appointed a Director in the room of the late Mr. John Dodsworth. And it was also resolved, that in consequence of the very great demand for Tickets, a Committee be appointed to solicit further subscriptions in aid of this Institution, and that the following gentlemen compose the Committee: Dr. Wake, Mr. Roper, Mr. Oldfield, Mr. Drake, Mr. Mills, Dr. Beckwith, Mr. Tuke, Mr. Prest, Mr. Jonathan Gray, Mr. Gimber, and Mr. Allen. Resolved, that a copy of the above resolution be sent to each of the above gentlemen, and that they be requested to meet at the Dispensary on Tuesday next, precisely at Ten o’Clock in the morning.’

This Committee met on the day appointed, and after considerable discussion they came to the unanimous resolution—

‘ That it would not be advisable at this time to solicit new subscriptions, as more than half of the present year was expired, and therefore the Committee agreed to suspend such

solicitation until after the 28th of March, 1814, and that the Apothecary be requested to summon a meeting of the said Committee for the above purpose, on the first Tuesday in April next, precisely at Ten o'Clock.'

It appears from the proceedings of the annual meeting held April 12th, 1814, that Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Allen were appointed the Committee for examining the Treasurer's accounts; and it was also observed that the Committee appointed at the quarterly court in October last for the purpose of soliciting additional subscriptions, did meet in the course of a week of their being appointed, and came to the determination to decline the application until after the commencement of the year in March, 1814, and therefore had agreed to meet early in April; but a sufficient number not attending, nothing was done, but it was the opinion of the present meeting that so desirable and highly necessary an expedient should not be lost sight of; and they therefore earnestly requested another call of the said Committee, for Tuesday the 3rd of May, at Eleven o'clock, and that the Apothecary should summons the Committee accordingly.

At the quarterly court held October 25th, 1814, Mr. Wilson applied for an increase of Salary, which was referred for consideration at the annual meeting in April, 1815, when it was agreed that in future the salary of the Apothecary to this Institution, be *Eighty Guineas* per annum: and the same Committee which were appointed last year for the purpose of examining

the Treasurer's accounts, were re-appointed this year; and Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, Rev. John Graham, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Allen, were appointed to revise and correct, and also to superintend the printing of the Annual Report.

At the annual meeting held April 16th, 1816, Dr. Wake and Dr. Beckwith were appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and to this Committee the Rev. John Graham and Mr. Drake were added to assist in drawing up and publishing the Annual Report. It also appeared to this meeting, that the Apothecary in consequence of the great difficulty arising from the scarcity of tickets, which the poor experienced, had issued ninety-eight tickets for the current year for their relief, which the Directors sanctioned, as they appeared to have been issued in consequence of the number and exigency of the cases requiring relief.

Dr. Best continuing in a delicate and precarious state of health, not being able to resume his duties as Physician to this Institution, the Chairman, was requested to write to him, signifying the desire of the Directors to learn from him the probability of his resuming the efficient duties of one of the Physicians to this Charity, in order to enable them to form a judgment as to the declaration of a vacancy in that department.

Dr. Best having resigned his office as one of the Physicians of the Dispensary, Dr. Goldie was unani-

mously appointed as his successor at the general half-yearly meeting held October 22nd, 1816, as Physician and also a Director of this Charity. It was unanimously resolved—

‘That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to Dr. Best for his assiduous and valuable services as a Physician to this Institution, and that Mr. Gray be requested to convey to Dr. Best a copy of this resolution.’

The Treasurer having reported that he had received a legacy of £100. from the Executors of the late Lady Conyngham, it was ordered to be invested in the four per Cent. stock, and it was resolved,—

‘That the Treasurer be invested with discretionary power of vesting in the funds from time to time, any surpluses in his hands.’

At a general meeting of the Directors held April 22nd, 1817, it was resolved—

‘That Dr. Wake, Dr. Goldie, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Allen, be a Committee to audit the Treasurer’s accounts, and also to superintend the printing of 500 copies of the Annual Report. That the same Committee be directed to cause to be published in each of the York papers, the report of patients admitted during the last year.’

At a half-yearly meeting held at the Dispensary, November 26th, 1817, it was agreed—

‘That an address to the public on the exigencies of the Charity be issued, and published in the three York papers, and also printed for general circulation, and that the Rev.

Robert Croft, Rev. John Graham, Dr. Wake, Dr. Goldie, and Mr. Prest, be a Committee to carry this resolution into effect.'

At the general annual meeting of the Directors held April 14th, 1818, it was resolved—

'That in consequence of the great increase of patients admitted during the last year (amounting to four hundred) and the number of donors and subscribers to this Charity, and from the extended benefits arising in consequence thereof to the poor inhabitants of this City, every donor of Ten Guineas, and every subscriber of One Guinea or upwards, should have a vote in every future election of a Director, Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary, or Treasurer to this Institution; provided such subscriber has been a contributor upwards of twelve months previous to such election; and provided he has paid up his subscription for the current year; and that all future elections be advertised once in each of the York papers, and that every vacancy be filled up within one month of its having occurred. And at the same meeting it was ordered, that the salary of Mr. John Wilson the Apothecary, be in future, One hundred Pounds per annum, in consequence of his very exemplary services; but that this be no precedent in regard to any future Apothecary.'

An application made to this meeting to divide the supply of drugs and medicines to the Institution was referred to a subsequent special meeting; when it was determined to make no alteration for the present, as hitherto the Charity had been well and satisfactorily supplied; resolved—

'That a special meeting of the Directors be held on Tuesday the 21st instant, at Twelve o'clock precisely, to deter-

mine on the said application, and that the Apothecary shall immediately send a copy of this resolution to each Director.'

At the adjourned meeting held on the 21st of April, 1818, to consider the applications for permission to furnish part of the drugs for this Institution, the Directors find on inquiry that the drugs supplied by Messrs. Prest & Co. have given satisfaction for a period of thirty years, they therefore do not think it necessary at present to make any alteration ; resolved—

‘ That the Chairman inform the individuals who have made those applications, to supply part of the Drugs to this Institution, that their applications have been taken into consideration, and that the Directors see no cause at present for making any alteration in the manner of supplying the drugs.’

The Dispensary house in St. Andrewgate though central in the City, was found too small and inconvenient, not allowing the necessary accommodations for the medical Attendants, or for the patients, and it was in contemplation to enlarge the house by some additional building, but it was found upon examination this could not be accomplished to answer all the purposes requisite for suitable accommodations. This being the case, my attention became directed to some other equally, if not more central situation in the City, where more commodious accommodations might be obtained ; and it was rather a singular circumstance, that I had fixed my eye upon Newstreet several years before there was any prospect of obtaining a piece of ground in that situation.

Having visited several Dispensaries in the kingdom, and especially the one in Doncaster, I occasionally conferred with some of the Directors upon the propriety of having a new suitable building in the City of York, for that purpose; and those with whom I had occasional interviews, concurred with me in opinion, but saw no prospect at present of such a thing being carried into effect; therefore the subject for a time became dormant, excepting with Dr. Wake who took it up in a very warm and sanguine manner, and became a powerful coadjutor, and was eminently instrumental in producing a considerable degree of interest in the minds of other Directors, in promoting so desirable an object; especially as the Charity was gradually becoming more extensive as to its sphere of usefulness. But here I must drop the subject, as I shall have occasion to introduce it more fully hereafter.

The following is a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the York papers in consequence of a late resolution of the Directors:—

‘That in future all elections be thrown open to the subscribers at large, instead of being confined to the Directors of the Dispensary, as had hitherto been the case.’

And though a proper and popular measure, yet I have had my own doubt how far it has conduced to the welfare and peace of the Institution; but nevertheless it became necessary in compliance with the times, to adopt such a measure.

The following is a copy of an advertisement for choosing a Director.

York Dispensary.

A Director of this Charity, in the room of Joseph Buckle, Esq., deceased, will be chosen on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1818, at Eleven o'clock, at the Merchants' Hall in Fossagate. Every donor of Ten Guineas or upwards, and every subscriber of One Guinea or upwards, will be entitled to vote, provided such subscriber has been a contributor more than twelve months, and provided his or her subscription for the current year has been paid up.

At a special meeting of subscribers and donors to the York Dispensary, convened by public advertisement for the purpose of electing a Director in the room of Joseph Buckle, Esq., deceased, resolved—

‘That Wm. Duffin, Esq. be appointed a Director in the place of Mr. Buckle, deceased.’

At the annual meeting of the Directors held in April, 1819, the Treasurer's accounts were examined by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and found correct. The number of patients admitted last year amounted to 2537, including 214 children who had been vaccinated.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 11th, 1820, it was resolved—

‘That Messrs. Duffin and Allen and Dr. Wake be appointed for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's accounts, which were found correct; and also to superintend the printing and publishing the Annual Report.’

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 10th, 1821, it was resolved—

‘That Dr. Beckwith, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Roper be a Committee to examine the Treasurer’s accounts, and also to superintend the printing and publishing of the Annual Report of this Charity.’

In consequence of the lamented death of our highly respected Treasurer, Edward Prest, Esq., an adjourned meeting of the Directors was held October 23rd, 1821, for the purpose of fixing the day for a general meeting of the subscribers, to appoint a Director in his room. The 14th of November next was fixed for that purpose; which was publicly advertised in the three York papers, accompanied by the announcement that such election was open to all the subscribers to the Institution.

At a general meeting of the subscribers to the Dispensary, held pursuant to public advertisement, at the Merchants’ Hall in Fossagate, November 14th, 1821, resolved—

‘That Mr. Edward Prest be a Director of this Charity, in the room of his father Edward Prest, Esq., deceased. Resolved—that Mr. Oswald Allen be appointed the Treasurer of this Charity, in the room of Edward Prest, Esq., deceased. Resolved—that in consequence of a statement from the Physicians of this Institution, that Mr. John Wilson, the Apothecary, has during the epidemic of Small Pox this year, been very meritoriously occupied in vaccinating above double the number of patients to what had been done in any preceding one; this meeting direct on their recommendation

that a gratuity of Ten Guineas be paid by the Treasurer to Mr. Wilson as a proof of its approbation of his conduct. Resolved—that this meeting cannot separate without expressing the high sense they entertain of the long and faithful services of their late Treasurer, and of his unceasing endeavours to promote the interests of this Institution.’

Intimately acquainted as I was with the late Mr. Prest for upwards of thirty years, our mutual friendship suffering no abatement or interruption during the whole of that period, but continuing to the day of his death, I feel considerable pleasure and satisfaction in adding my testimony in confirmation of the foregoing resolution, proposed by the Directors of the Dispensary. For he being appointed Treasurer at the same time I was appointed the Apothecary, I had ample opportunities of observing his steady and persevering efforts, in promoting the interests of the Institution, to which he was so much attached. It was rather a singular coincidence that we should each of us be appointed to succeed our predecessors, as Treasurer and Apothecary at the same time in consequence of their deaths occurring within a few days of each other; and this circumstance connected with other events, served to strengthen our mutual friendship.

At a general meeting of the subscribers to the Dispensary held at the Merchants’ Hall in Foss gate, January 14th, 1822, it was resolved—

‘That Mr. Alderman Smith be a Director of this Institution, in the room of Mr. John Crosby, deceased.’

At a meeting of the Directors held at the Dispensary house in St. Andrewgate, February 6th, 1822, specially convened in consequence of a proposal from the Trustees of the late Mr. Green, relative to certain paintings in the sale of which this Institution is beneficially interested. The Directors having taken the above proposal into consideration, resolved—

‘That they concur in the plan proposed of giving up the exhibition, and of substituting a sale by auction for one by private contract. At the same meeting it was resolved—that William Oldfield, Esq. be named a Trustee in the room of the late Edward Prest, Esq.’

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 10th, 1822, Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, and Mr. Drake were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer’s accounts. And at the same meeting Mr. Wm. Tuke who had been, during twenty years, an active and indefatigable Director sincerely interested in the welfare of this Charity, signified his wish to resign his office on account of his age and other infirmities; which resignation was accepted; and it was resolved—

‘That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Tuke for his long and valuable services as a Director of this Institution.’

Another application was made to this meeting to have a share in furnishing the drugs to this Institution. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, they determined to abide by a former resolution, not to divide the business.

At an adjourned meeting of the Directors held April 17th, 1822, it was resolved—

‘ That for the future a check book be kept by the Apothecary to be taken to the Druggist each time when drugs are sent for, and to be laid upon the table at every attendance of the medical Officers; and in no instance shall any drugs be got without being entered at the same time in the book; and that the serving Druggist be informed of this resolution as the positive order of the Directors of this Institution.’

At a very numerous meeting of the subscribers held April 24th, 1822, for the purpose of choosing a Director in the room of Mr. William Tuke, who had resigned; Mr. Samuel Tuke was appointed a Director of this Charity, in the room of Mr. William Tuke his grandfather.

The Very Rev. Dean Markham being deceased, a meeting of the subscribers was summoned for October 22nd, 1822, for the purpose of appointing a Director in his room, when Mr. Thomas Swann was elected.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held April 14th, 1823, Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Wake, and Dr. Goldie were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer’s accounts. And at the same meeting it was resolved—

‘ That the following be the extreme limits for visiting patients, whose cases required being visited at their own houses, viz.; *Burton Stone, Monk Bridge, the houses beyond St. Lawrence Church, Fishergate, Clementhorpe, and Holdgate Lane.*’

At a general meeting of the Directors held April 20th, 1824, Dr. Beckwith, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Wallis were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts: and at the same meeting Dr. Goldie, Mr. Drake and Mr. Duffin were appointed to prepare the Report of this Institution, and to superintend the printing and publishing of the same; and it was also ordered—

‘That the drug book be regularly charged and cast up the last day in every month: and also it was agreed that the sum of *Three Guineas* be given as the purchase of the Electrifying Machine belonging to Mr. Wilson, for the use of the Dispensary; and that the said machine be repaired at the expense of this Institution.’

At a general meeting of the subscribers held August 24th, 1824, the Very Rev. Dean of York, was elected a Director of this Charity, in the room of Mr. Robert Spence, deceased.

At a general meeting of the Directors held October 19th, 1824, it was resolved—

‘As the opinion of this meeting, that upon any future election of an Apothecary to this Institution, it shall be requisite that each candidate shall previously send in his testimonials to the Treasurer of this Charity, for the consideration of the Directors and medical Officers, who shall report thereon to the subscribers at large on the day of election; and also that each candidate shall, if required by the Directors, be previously examined by the medical Officers of the Charity; and it was further resolved—that the Treasurer, Physicians, and Surgeons of this Institution, shall be entitled *ex-officio*

to the same privileges as subscribers of *One Guinea*, or donors of *Ten Guineas*; and also that the Dispensary shall henceforward be under the direction of *twenty-four Directors*, consisting of the Treasurer, Physicians, Surgeons of the Institution, and seventeen subscribers of *One Guinea*, or donors of *Ten Guineas*; with the exception for the present, and until a vacancy in the direction of one of the seventeen subscribers shall occur, of Mr. Atkinson, as the direction is at present full, and because he has not been a subscriber for some years, and consequently was ineligible.'

At a meeting of the Treasurer and medical Officers of the Institution held November 9th, 1824, it was their opinion that an assistant to Mr. Wilson the Apothecary, has become necessary from the increase of the duties of his situation, particularly in the visiting department; and that a special meeting of the Directors of this Institution be called on Thursday the 18th instant, when the above shall be submitted to their consideration.

That meeting was called, and in consequence of the representation of the Treasurer and medical Officers of the Institution, it was resolved by the Directors—

'That it is expedient that such assistant to Mr. Wilson be engaged; and they engaged Mr. Thomas Ellis as the assistant to Mr. Wilson for one year, from the first of December next, at the salary of Thirty Pounds per annum.'

It was stated to the Directors at their meeting on the 6th of December, 1825, by Mr. Wilson the Apothecary, that he had been on the 6th of July last, robbed

of about *twelve pounds* belonging the Dispensary, and the papers containing the names of the subscribers carried away at the same time; upon which I was requested to endeavour to ascertain before the next meeting of the Directors, the exact amount of the money belonging to the Charity, which was stolen, and the names of the subscribers by whom it was sent to the Dispensary.

The meeting was adjourned to the 14th instant, when I was directed to allow Mr. Wilson ten guineas towards his loss by the robbery at the Dispensary; and it was also resolved at this meeting—

‘That Mr. Ellis, the assistant to Mr. Wilson, be acquainted that the Directors cannot permit him to engage as assistant or as principal, in any private practice; but will sanction his continuing his engagement as assistant at the York County Hospital, and will continue his salary for one year from the 1st December, 1825.’ This being stated to Mr. Ellis, he immediately resigned his situation.

It was also agreed at this meeting, that a special meeting of the Directors be called for the 20th instant, to take into consideration a proposal for allowing the commencement of annual subscriptions, and issue of tickets from the 28th of March to the 1st of January, and on other business. The meeting took place on the 20th of December, 1825, when it was resolved—

‘That the annual subscriptions to this Institution, shall in future commence from the 1st of January next, and every succeeding year; and that the yearly accounts shall be made up to that period. It was also resolved, in consequence of the statement made by Mr. Wilson of the necessity he feels for

having such assistance as Mr. Ellis has afforded him during the last year, the same shall be continued to him.'

At the annual meeting of the Directors held January the 31st, 1826, it was resolved—

'That a temporary allowance of seven shillings per week be made to Wm. Routh while employed at the Dispensary.'

The Treasurer's accounts were examined and found correct.

Mr. Nicholl's resignation as one of the Directors of this Institution, was communicated to this meeting and accepted: and in consequence of the lamented death of Mr. Drake, one of the Surgeons to this Institution, and also of the resignation of William Gray, Esq.,* two other vacancies were announced.

A general meeting of the subscribers was held on the 17th of March, 1826, when Mr. Amos Coates was ap-

** Mr. Gray's Letter addressed to Mr. Wilson the Apothecary.*

Sir,

Having received notice of a special meeting of the Directors of the York Dispensary to be held this day, I take the opportunity to express my regret, that owing to my advanced age and other circumstances of life, I have not for a length of time been able to fulfil the duty of a Director, by attending at the meetings, or on business of the Dispensary; and as there is still less prospect of my being able to do so in future, I beg leave to withdraw from that office, in order to make room for an efficient successor. I request you to let this be properly notified to the Directors, and to convey to them my best wishes for the prosperity of this valuable and highly useful Institution.

I am, Sir, your obedt. Servant,

WM. GRAY.

Minster Yard, March 7th, 1826.

pointed a Surgeon to this Institution, in the room of Mr. Drake; and Mr. Jonathan Gray and Mr. James Atkinson were appointed Directors in the room of William Gray, Esq. and Samuel Nicholl, Esq., who had resigned.

At a meeting of the Directors held April 12th, 1826, Mr. John Birchall was engaged as an assistant to Mr. Wilson for one year, with a salary of *Twenty Guineas* per annum; and at the same time Mr. Coates lately elected a Surgeon to this Institution, will *ex-officio* be a Director.

At a general meeting of the subscribers held May 16th, 1826, John Tweedy, Esq. was appointed a Director, in the room of John Roper, Esq., deceased.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held on January 23rd, 1827, the annual accounts were examined and found correct. And it was resolved—

‘That the Apothecary be instructed strictly to adhere to the rule; that no benefactor or annual subscriber have more patients on the books than she or he is entitled to by her or his benefaction or subscription; and that he keep a book as a check for that purpose; and also that a proper ticket of recommendation be printed and used by contributors of *Ten Pounds* and annual subscribers, who choose to have one patient constantly upon the books. Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Goldie, and Mr. Allen were requested to draw up, print, and copiously circulate the Annual Report of the Charity; and that the same gentlemen do superintend the printing of a proper ticket of recommendation, to be used by the contributors of *Ten*

Pounds and annual subscribers, who choose to have one patient constantly upon the books. And also that the medical Officers of this Institution be requested to prepare a list of such surgical instruments as they conceive to be required for the service of the Dispensary, and report the same to a meeting of the Directors to be held on Tuesday the 20th of February, at Twelve o'clock; to which day this meeting was accordingly adjourned. The adjourned meeting took place on the 20th of February, 1827, when the list of surgical instruments, which were required, was laid before the Directors, who resolved that the instruments specified be provided and properly marked.'

CHAPTER III.

The Committee appointed to find a proper Site for the new Dispensary—the purchase—&c.

IN drawing up this short history of the rise and progress of the York Dispensary, I now approach in my estimation, an important æra of that Institution, when matters had been arranged for the purpose of procuring a more central and eligible situation for the erection of a building for a Dispensary House more commodious and suitable for this large and most ancient City.

A special meeting of the Directors was held at the Dispensary House in St. Andrewgate, April 24th, 1827, and it was unanimously resolved—

‘That a more commodious and convenient building should be procured for a Dispensary House, and that a Committee of five Directors be appointed to endeavour to find a suitable situation, and report to a general meeting of the Directors, to be convened by them, and that the following Directors should compose that Committee, viz. ; Dr. Wake, Mr. Tweedy, Mr. Samuel Tuke, Mr. D. Russell, and Mr. Allen.’

A very desirable site in Newstreet for building a new Dispensary having been offered for sale by Mr. Husband, Surgeon, the Directors were summoned by the Committee to have their sanction to purchase two lots of the premises which were offered for £638. 1s. 8d. being the sum for which Mr. Husband had agreed to

give, including the auction duty and other expenses; which proposal the Committee deemed fair and reasonable, and which the meeting of Directors approved of, and the Committee were authorized by them to enter into a contract accordingly; and also were empowered to procure plans and estimates for a building which would combine every suitable convenience not exceeding the sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, and lay them before a future meeting of Directors.

The premises in Newstreet having been purchased by the Committee, the following Trustees were appointed, to whom the property was conveyed, viz. :

Dr. Goldie, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jonathan Gray, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. John Swann, Mr. Tweedy, and Dr. Wake; upon trust to suffer the premises to be built upon and enjoyed for the purposes of the York Dispensary; and until built upon, and as to such parts as may not be appropriated for the purposes of this Institution, to suffer the rents to be received by the Treasurer for the time being of this Institution, and to form part of the general fund thereof and be applied in the same manner as such general fund is now and shall be applicable according to the rules and regulations of this Institution, with power to the Trustees, with the consent of a majority of Directors at a general meeting held after seven days notice, in one of the York papers, to mortgage the premises, and with the like consent to sell the same, and the monies to be borrowed, or produced by sale, shall be applied in the first place in discharging the expenses incident to such mortgage, or sale respectively; and the clear residue paid to the Treasurer, for the time being of this Institution and form part of the general fund thereof, and be applied in such manner and for such purposes as the same fund is now or shall for the

time being be applicable, according to the rules and regulations now established, or which may hereafter be established for the management of this Institution, and also with proper power for the appointment of new Trustees when the acting Trustees, shall by death or otherwise be reduced to two in number, resolved—that the sum of £620. purchase money agreed to be paid to the Rev. Mr. Orfeur, William Kilvington, Esq., William Harland, Esq., and Charles Harland, Esq. together with the auction duty on the sale and the expenses of the Conveyance Deeds, be paid by the Treasurer out of the general fund of this Institution: and it was also resolved—that the Committee appointed on the 24th of April last, be authorized to dispose of the present Dispensary premises at the best price they can obtain.’

At a special meeting of the Directors held October 11th, 1827, it was decided to adopt Mr. Hansom the Architect’s plan of the ground and chamber floor of the new Dispensary, and that the House be faced in front with stone, and be finished in a neat and plain manner. And the meeting was adjourned to a future day to receive the report of the building Committee respecting a passage, and also of some alteration in the elevation of the new Dispensary.

A special meeting of the Treasurer and medical Officers of the Institution was held on the 17th of October, 1827 for the purpose of recommending the adoption of the plan and elevation to the Directors; particularly the reservation of a private road to the Institution.

At a general meeting of the Directors held October 22nd, 1827, it was agreed that the plan of the new Dispensary then produced and signed by the Chairman, be adopted, and that the building Committee be empowered to contract for the building of the new Dispensary according to it; and that they be requested to superintend the completion of the same; and also that the Treasurer pay any sum of money not exceeding in the whole *One Thousand Pounds* for the purpose of defraying the expense of the building. The ground being laid out, and the digging for the foundation completed, and the necessary preparations made for the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, on Monday, November 12th, 1827, the Directors assembled at the Dispensary in St. Andrewgate about Eleven o'clock, and after they had made the necessary arrangements, they proceeded a little before Twelve o'clock, in regular procession, walking two and two together, until they arrived in Newstreet at the site of the projected building; and in this procession they were accompanied by the Rev. W. Vernon, who though not at that time a Director, yet a subscriber, and being then in residence, sanctioned the proceedings by his presence. Having arrived at the site of the intended new building, and every requisite preparation being made, Mr. Alderman Wilson spread the mortar with a trowel, and the foundation-stone being lowered and adjusted, the worthy Alderman gave it three knocks with a Mason's mallet, and addressed the assembly in nearly the following words:

Friends and Fellow-Citizens,

Forty years are now passed since the state of the labouring and indigent poor in this City, was so deplorable in regard to medical assistance and advice, that the principal Practitioners, aided by a few individuals who were not of the Profession, determined to make an attempt to form an Institution, that should relieve the necessitous sick. I had the pleasure of being one of those individuals, and I at this moment feel great satisfaction in having been so. We had several meetings, and although we had to encounter some prejudices, we obtained donations and subscriptions to the amount of £160. With this small sum, we commenced our operations on the most frugal plan. We hired an apartment at the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate, at an annual rental of *Five Guineas*, and opened the Establishment on the 28th of March, 1788, under the title of the York Dispensary. At the end of twelve months, we had upwards of 900 patients, and we determined to persevere. Early in our second year, we had the good fortune to elect as Apothecary to the Institution, my friend Mr. Allen, who I am extremely happy to see near me. To that gentleman's unceasing exertions, skill, attention, and humanity, during a period of nearly twenty years, are mainly attributable the reputation and success which attended the undertaking whilst it was carried on at the Merchants' Hall. In 1806 we found the situation quite unequal to the accommodation of the professional gentlemen, or of the greatly extended number of patients; and therefore ventured to buy the house we now occupy in St. Andrewgate; relying on the liberality of the public to furnish us with the means of paying for it. I had then the honour of being chief Magistrate, and having detailed to the Corporation what we had done, that body with its usual consideration, subscribed £50. This was followed by contributions from various charitable individuals, to such amount as enabled us

to discharge the whole of the purchase money, and left a considerable surplus, which was applied to the augmentation of a small fund, we had for sometime been endeavouring to increase, so as to form a permanent benefit to the Institution.

During the twenty years the establishment was carried on at the Merchants' Hall, 17,413 tickets of admission were issued; from that period to the close of 1826 there have been at the present Dispensary 34,064 admissions, making a total of 51,477. The number in the course of the last three years, have increased to the amount of nearly one-fourth more than in any former period of a similar duration, in consequence of which, and from a conviction that it was not possible to carry on the Charity effectually in the present premises, the Directors, on the 24th of April last, resolved—that it is desirable that a more convenient building should be provided for the Dispensary. A Committee was appointed to look out for a proper situation, and in conformity with their report the present site has been purchased, and we have now laid the foundation of a structure to be erected according to a plan recommended by the medical Officers, to whom the public has been so long and so deeply indebted for their most valuable and gratuitous services. When finished, it is trusted that the apartments and offices will be amply sufficient for every necessary purpose, and for the extension and prosperity of the establishment. The Directors are aware that the completion of this design will compel them to intrench on their present funds, and most probably oblige them to make a new appeal to the more affluent part of the inhabitants of this City and the neighbourhood. Should such be the case, they cannot doubt but their call will be answered with that promptitude and benevolence which have ever characterised the City of York. They are certain that every requisite patronage and support will continue to be given to an Institution which has

restored to health and happiness thousands of our fellow-creatures, who had been labouring under the severe and complicated pressure of poverty, pain, and sickness.

Mr. Allen the Treasurer of the Institution, then presented to Mr. Wilson a brass box containing the records of the Institution, and said,—

Mr. Alderman Wilson, I am desired Sir, by the Directors of the York Dispensary, to request that you will be pleased to deposit in the foundation-stone which you have just now laid, those records of the Institution, for the purpose of being handed down to posterity as memorials of the origin and progress of this most excellent Charity. I cannot conclude Sir, without expressing the high gratification I feel in having been spared to witness the commencement of a building which has for its object the relief and comfort of the diseased poor of the City and its neighbourhood, and which I trust through Divine Providence, will continue to be a permanent blessing.

Mr. Alderman Wilson having deposited the box alluded to in a cavity of the foundation-stone, a brass plate was placed upon it, on which was the following inscription :

The first stone of the York Dispensary, laid on the 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1827, in the Eighth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, by THOMAS WILSON, ESQ., father of the City, and Senior Director of the Charity. Instituted March 28th, 1788 ; Hansom and Welch Architects.

The Rev. John Graham expressed his conviction that all present would rejoice with him that the vene-

rable father of the City, Mr. Alderman Wilson was spared to be present on this occasion, and begged to propose a vote of thanks to him for his long and successful exertions in promoting the interests of the Institution, and for doing them the honour of placing the first stone of the intended erection.

Mr. Wilson begged to return his sincere thanks for the compliment just paid him, and wished to assure the meeting that as long as Providence gave him the power of being useful to this admirable Institution, he should have the greatest gratification in rendering to it his best services.

During the following night some individual or individuals removed the brass box with all its contents, and also the brass plate, which was inscribed with the above inscription ; and therefore another box and plate had to be procured and deposited, being made secure by the workmen, lest a like attempt should be made for its removal, by some similarly dishonest and cowardly hand. No attempt was however made to discover the perpetrator ; but the Directors left the individual or individuals to their own feelings, which could not yield them much satisfaction or pleasure, when they reflected upon the act of which they had been guilty.

The new Dispensary House being completed and fitted up ready for occupation early in the year 1829, a general meeting of the Directors was held for the first time in their new Dispensary on April 28th, 1829,

at which the Treasurer's accounts were examined and found correct; not only as regarded the ordinary Receipts and Disbursements for the last year, but also the statement of the whole expenses, which had been incurred by the purchase of the ground and premises in Newstreet, and the expense of the building, its finishing, and furnishing, &c. to render it fit for occupation; and a statement was published in each of the York papers, of which the following is a correct copy, as to the cost of the new Dispensary, viz.;

	£.	s.	d.
Purchase money for the Site of the new Dispensary,	638	1	6
Paid for the Redemption of the Land Tax, ...	10	2	9
Paid for building, including the Bricklayer's, Joiner's, Glazier's, &c. accounts,	1149	9	5
Paid for Furniture, &c.	147	7	8
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	£1945	1	4
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Resolved—‘ that William Precious and Mary his wife be appointed to superintend and take care of the Building, and render any assistance required by the Apothecary, and that they be allowed the salary of £25 per annum, to commence from the 1st of January last.’

After having stated the particulars respecting the new Building with all its arrangements, I must now return and resume my narrative of the regular proceedings of the Directors of the Dispensary.

At a general meeting of the subscribers to the Dispensary held December 24th, 1827, it was resolved—

‘That the Rev. William Vernon be appointed a Director of this Institution, in the room of Richard Townend, Esq., deceased.’

At a special meeting of the building Committee held December 26th, 1827, it was resolved—

‘That Mr. John Wilson be empowered to sell the present Dispensary House in St. Andrewgate, for the sum of £350. ; and it was at the same time resolved to purchase the piece of ground offered by the Insurance Company for £50., provided there be no passage or road through the ground to any other premises, except what belongs to the new Dispensary.’

At a general meeting of the Directors held March 11th, 1828, it was resolved and ordered—

‘That the surviving Trustees named in the Deeds and Conveyances dated the 23rd and 24th days of November, 1807 of a messuage and hereditament situated in St. Andrewgate, in the City of York, to Trustees in the said Deeds named upon certain trust for the purposes of this Institution, shall and do forthwith or as soon as conveniently may be, sell and dispose of the said messuage and premises either by public sale or private contract, to any person or persons who shall be willing to become the purchaser or purchasers thereof, for the most money and best price that can be reasonably gotten for the same. And that the money to arise from such sale shall be applied in or towards the discharge of the expenses of erecting and completing the new Dispensary House in Newstreet; or for other such purposes, as a majority of the Directors for the time being, shall at any public meeting appoint.’

The Treasurer’s accounts were examined and found correct.

At a general meeting of the Directors held April 28th, 1829, for auditing the Treasurer's accounts from January 1st, 1828 to January 1st, 1829, which were found correct, Mr. John Wilson the Apothecary to this Institution, having stated to this meeting that he finds it indispensable that an efficient assistant should be allowed him, to enable him satisfactorily to conduct the business of the Institution, and that he is willing to pay such assistant £20. per annum out of his own salary: in consequence of this statement, it was resolved—

‘That it is the opinion of this meeting, that an efficient assistant Apothecary should be appointed, who shall receive a salary of £20. per annum from the Institution, in addition to the £20. to be paid by Mr. Wilson.’

At a general meeting of the Directors held April 22nd, 1831, the Treasurer's annual accounts were examined and allowed. And at the same time it was ordered—

‘That in the forthcoming Annual Report, a special meeting of the subscribers be called on May the 3rd for the purpose of electing a Director in the place of the Rev. Robert Croft, deceased.’

And at the meeting of subscribers held on the 3rd of May, 1831, Rev. Charles Wellbeloved was appointed a Director of this Institution in the room of the Rev. Robert Croft, deceased.

In consequence of the appearance in this City of that dreadful visitation the *Asiatic Cholera*, a meeting

of the Central Committee of the Board of Health, was held at the Guildhall on the 17th of November, 1831, when it was resolved—

‘That the Directors of the York Dispensary be requested to meet as soon as possible, and take into consideration the present great demand for medical aid among the poor, and the best mode by which that Institution may be enabled to supply the demands.’

In consequence of the above resolution, a general meeting of the Directors was held November 19th, 1831, and it was resolved—

‘That it appears to this meeting that much disease prevails among the lower classes, and that there is the greatest difficulty in obtaining Dispensary tickets. That the Directors of the York Dispensary are obliged to state, that neither the Rules, nor the state of the funds of the Institution, would allow any gratuitous issue of tickets to be made. That as the annual issue of tickets to the subscribers does not take place till the 1st of January next, there is no mode by which the Institution can be enabled to meet the present demand for medical aid among the poor, except the immediate issue of tickets on the usual terms.’

At a meeting of the Directors held February 28th, 1832, it was resolved—

‘That the Association of Surgeons and Apothecaries, be permitted to hold their meetings at the Dispensary House, and that the same privilege be extended to the proposed medical Society, and also that the Dispensary House and furniture be insured in the Yorkshire Insurance Office to the amount of six hundred pounds.’

The Treasurer's accounts were examined and allowed. It was also resolved—

‘That Mr. Wilson be directed to require of all patients receiving Leeches, to return them as soon as possible, dead or alive.’

This resolution was passed in consequence of the very serious increasing expense which the supply of Leeches to the poor annually incurred. And it was also resolved—

‘That on the 1st of May next, Mr. Anderson have a gratuity of Ten Pounds for his services.’

The Annual Report was ordered to be printed under the direction of Messrs. Graham, Tweedy, Dr. Beckwith, and Mr. Allen.

At a general meeting of the Directors held in June 1832, it was resolved, in consequence of the alarming prevalence of the Asiatic Cholera,—

‘That the Dispensary be open every day from Eight o'clock in the morning to Eight o'clock in the evening; for the purpose of supplying advice and medicine to any poor person labouring under slight affections of the bowels; and that during the prevalence of the present epidemic in the City, the usual recommendation be not required: and it was further ordered, that the above resolution be printed and circulated throughout the City.’

At this meeting it was also resolved—

‘That Mr. Abbey be engaged to assist Mr. Wilson, with a salary of *Two Guineas* per month; and if he does not ac-

cede to the proposal, that Mr. Wilson be authorized to engage some other gentleman, whom the medical Officers of the Dispensary shall approve.'

This throwing open of the Dispensary to the poor during the prevalence of the Asiatic Cholera in York, proved a most important and useful measure. For it was clearly proved than on an early application in behalf of the poor for medical advice, on the very first appearance of Diarrhœa, (viewed as a premonitory symptom), the complaint was in most cases effectually relieved by mild astringents, combined with *opium and aromatics*; and I have no doubt in many cases the further progress of the disease was arrested; and the records of the Institution will clearly prove the successful result of this apparently simple practice. Mr. Wilson examined and administered medicines to *one hundred and fifteen* such cases in one day. Diarrhœa as a premonitory symptom, was in many instances overlooked, and disregarded by the individual so affected, until the disease had assumed a more alarming aspect, and in such cases a fatal termination was frequent. Whereas had an early application been made, probably those alarming symptoms might have been arrested in their progress. Without further enlarging upon the medical treatment of this epidemic, I believe the many precautions generally adopted in York at that time, were eminently useful in checking the further progress of the disease, and have since contributed much to the health and comfort of the poor, as well as of the public in general.

At a general meeting of the subscribers held July 20th, 1832, Robert Swann, Esq. was appointed a Director of this Charity in the room of his late brother, Thomas Swann, Esq. And at another meeting of the subscribers held on the 11th of September, 1832, the Rev. W. H. Dixon was appointed a Director of this Institution, in the room of *Thomas Wilson, Esq.*, deceased. I cannot pass over the decease of our highly esteemed and lamented Director Thomas Wilson, Esq. without paying some tribute of respect to his memory. He was one of the original promoters of this excellent Institution, as well as an original Director; and thus I became rather intimately acquainted with him, and our friendly intercourse was uninterrupted during the space of *forty-four* years; and throughout the whole of that period, his zeal and talents were uniformly exerted in promoting the interest and prosperity of the Charity even to the day of his death, as the frequent appearance of his name in the preceding narrative fully confirms. He and myself had been for many years the only original surviving Directors of the Dispensary; therefore I felt his decease much more sensibly than I should otherwise have done. I shall ever respect his memory; not only as he was a valuable and useful Director, but from having experienced so many proofs of his decided and disinterested friendship, during the whole of my public professional career, since we became first acquainted.

In consequence of the decease of the above named Director, I became the only surviving original Director,

which circumstance conveyed to my mind feelings of solemn and serious reflection, spared as I have been through a period of upwards of *fifty-six years* in the service of this Institution.

A special meeting of the Directors was held September 17th, 1832, in consequence of an application having been made by the Board of Health to know whether the Institution would undertake the visitation of Cholera patients, and supplying medicines on terms to be arranged with the Board; to which the Directors returned the following answer:—

That it was not expedient to comply with their proposal, but that the Institution would continue so long as the Cholera did exist, to supply medicines to persons affected with bowel complaints, though they may not be supplied with tickets of recommendation.

At a general meeting of the subscribers held September 25th, 1832, Dr. Goldie's resignation was received and accepted, and it was resolved,—

‘That the cordial thanks of the subscribers be returned to Dr. Goldie for his unremitting, skilful and humane attention to the duties of his office as Physician to this Institution during *sixteen years*, in which he has given it his gratuitous and valuable services.’

At the same time Dr. Simpson was unanimously appointed a Physician to this Institution, in the room of Dr. Goldie.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held March 27th, 1833, the Treasurer's accounts were examined and allowed: and it was resolved at this meeting,—

‘That Mr. Wellbeloved, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Jonathan Gray be requested to make such an application to the public on behalf of this Charity, as they may deem expedient.’

At a special meeting of the Directors held October 7th, 1833, it was resolved, that at the request of the Cholera Board, the following notice be published :

Notice is hereby given, that persons affected with bowel complaints may have medicines at the Dispensary, without tickets of recommendation, and will be attended at their houses in case of need, on application at the Dispensary.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held on March 18th, 1834, for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer’s accounts, which were examined and allowed, it was also resolved to issue and append to their report the following address to the public :

The York Dispensary has been established too long, and its benefits have been too widely felt, and too generally acknowledged, to render it necessary for the Directors in presenting an appeal to the public on its behalf, to dwell largely on the claims of assistance and support which that excellent Charity possesses. Since its first establishment in the year 1788, not fewer than 68,992 (exclusive of 4500 children who have been vaccinated) poor persons have been admitted as patients, many of them visited at their own houses, and in all instances received such aid and relief as their respective cases required, or medical skill and attention could administer. No one who considers the mass of suffering, which such a multitude of cases must have comprised, or who observes, to what very inefficient, or even hazardous means of relief, the poor are too apt to apply when left to themselves, or their unskilful neighbours, in disease and sickness, can fail to form

a proper estimate of the important and valuable services this Institution has been the means of rendering during the long period of its existence, to so large a portion of our afflicted fellow-creatures. For many years the business of the Institution was carried on in a small private dwelling-house in St. Andrewgate, with great inconvenience to the patients, as well as the medical Officers. The number of patients increasing as the population of the City increased, it became absolutely necessary to provide a building more suitable both in size and situation; and the present commodious structure was erected at an expense very nearly of £2000. This sum as stated in the Report of 1828, having been taken from the funded property of the Charity, a proportionate diminution of its annual income has been the inevitable result. In ordinary times and circumstances, this diminution might not perhaps have been very long or very sensibly felt. But the irresistible and promptly answered call on the Directors, upon the first appearance of Cholera in this City, to throw open the doors of the Institution, and to invite all the poor to seek for such medical aid as might tend to proserve them from the attacks of that alarming and often fatal disease, has been the means of greatly increasing the debt, by which the Charity was already burdened. During the year 1832 when the Cholera prevailed, nearly 400 patients were admitted; many of whom there can be no doubt, were by the timely and judicious assistance they received from the Charity, rescued from the grave, to which others in the same rank of life were so awfully hurried. The Directors are sorry to observe that the expenditure during the last two years, has greatly exceeded the annual receipts; but when those circumstances are known and considered, they feel confident that the friends of humanity will cheerfully and liberally contribute to the aid of this excellent Institution, and thus prevent the necessity of contracting its services to which it will otherwise be reduced, and enable it greatly to extend the relief it is designed to administer to the indigent and the afflicted.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held March 3rd, 1835 for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's accounts, which were examined and allowed, it was resolved

‘To divide in future the supply of drugs to this Institution, amongst three different Druggists, instead of being confined to one, which had been the case ever since the first establishment of the Charity.’

In May, 1835, the Dispensary received from the Board of Health, the sum of *One hundred Guineas*, as a liberal compensation for medical assistance, which the Institution had gratuitously given to the poor of York, during the prevalence of the Cholera.

At a special meeting of the Directors held March 21st, 1836, for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's accounts, which were examined and allowed, it was resolved,—

‘That as the expenditure of the Dispensary appears greatly to exceed the annual income, the medical gentlemen were particularly requested to meet on some early day, for the purpose of compiling a Dispensary Pharmacopœia, in order to economise as far as possible the expenditure in drugs, consistent with the welfare of the patients. And also that the Apothecary, in consequence of the great expense in leeches, be directed to insist on the return of the same number of leeches as are sent out, within forty-eight hours of their being delivered.’

A general meeting of the subscribers was called on February 27th, 1838, for the purpose of electing two

Directors in the room of Archdeacon Markham and Jonathan Gray, Esq., deceased. And J. B. Wilson, Esq. and William Gray, Jun., Esq., the present Lord Mayor of this City, were unanimously appointed.

At a special meeting of the Directors held March 18th, 1839, in consequence of the lamented decease of Mr. Atkinson the senior Surgeon to this Institution, and also of a letter received from Mr. E. Wallis tendering his resignation as one of the Surgeons to this Charity, it was resolved,—

‘That the Directors should offer to the family of the late Mr. Atkinson their sincere condolence on the event of his lamented death, and to express their sense of his long and valuable services to this Institution. At the same time the Directors begged to return Mr. Wallis their best thanks to him for his long and valuable services to this Institution. It was also resolved—that the election of two Surgeons to this Institution take place on Tuesday the 2nd day of April, at twelve o’clock, at the Dispensary, and that a previous meeting of the Directors be held an hour before the time fixed for the general meeting of the subscribers, for the purpose of proposing that in consideration of Mr. Wallis’s valuable services during a period of thirty-eight years, he be requested to accept of the office of consulting Surgeon to this Institution, which was carried. And it was also resolved—that the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Directors respecting Mr. Atkinson’s decease, and Mr. Wallis’s resignation, with the one passed this day, be advertised in the three York Newspapers, published on Saturday next.’

The following letter was received by the Chairman in answer to the letter of condolence, which he had

been requested to convey to the widow and family of the late Mr. Atkinson.

Sir,

The family of the late Mr. Atkinson are very much gratified and obliged by the resolution entered into by the meeting of the Directors of the York Dispensary, held on the 18th Instant, &c.

The very regular and punctual attendance of the late Mr. Atkinson as Surgeon to the York Dispensary, especially after he had resigned his office of Surgeon to the York County Hospital was very conspicuous, as well as the interest he appeared to manifest in its future welfare and prosperity.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held February 25th, 1840, it was resolved,—

‘That notice be given in the three York papers, that the election of three Directors will take place on Tuesday the 24th day of March next, at twelve o’clock, in the room of William Duffin, Esq., William Mills, Esq., and Edward Prest, Esq., deceased.’

At which general meeting of the subscribers, Sir Wm. S. Clark, John Prest, Esq., and John Mills, Esq. were appointed.

At a general meeting of the subscribers held November 25th, 1840, for the purpose of electing a Director in the room of David Russell, Esq., deceased, Barnard Hague, Esq. was appointed.

Mr. Amos Coates having sent in his resignation as one of the Surgeons of this Institution, a meeting of the Directors was convened on January 27th, 1841, at which it was resolved,—

‘That his resignation be accepted, and that a Surgeon be appointed in his room on Tuesday, February 16th, 1841. It was also at the same time resolved, that a book be provided in which the Physicians and Surgeons of this Institution, shall enter their attendance at the Dispensary. The book to be laid before the Directors at their regular meetings: and also that a special meeting of the Directors be called on Tuesday the 2nd of February next, at twelve o’clock, for the purpose of considering the propriety of increasing the number of Physicians and Surgeons from three to four, and other business.’

The adjourned meeting was held on that day, which was numerous; and after considerable discussion, it was resolved,—

‘That a Committee of eight Directors, including the Chairman, should be appointed to consider the propriety of increasing the number of medical and surgical Officers of the Institution, and to report generally as to its present state, and as to the most probable means of increasing its efficiency.’

The Committee met on the 5th of February, and after some deliberation, unanimously resolved,—

‘That the Committee recommend to the Directors, the appointment of an additional Physician, and an additional Surgeon to the establishment; and that the Junior Surgeon be expected to visit the patients whenever called upon by the Apothecary of the Institution. The Committee beg to add,

that other matters of importance claim their consideration before they resign their appointment.'

At a special meeting of the Directors held February 8th, 1841, it was resolved—

'That an additional Physician be appointed, and that his duty be confined to visiting at their own houses, patients who cannot attend at the Dispensary: and it was also resolved, that an additional Surgeon be appointed to this Institution, and that such election of one additional Physician and Surgeon to this Institution shall take place at the Dispensary, on Tuesday the 23rd instant, at twelve o'clock.'

On Tuesday the 23rd of February, 1841, a very numerous meeting of subscribers to the Dispensary was held at their house in Newstreet for the purpose of choosing a Surgeon in the room of Mr. Coates who had resigned, and also of one additional Physician and Surgeon to that Institution. But though the Directors after considerable deliberation, had finally concluded that the addition of a fourth Physician and Surgeon was necessary in consequence of the increased population of York and its vicinity; yet instead of proceeding immediately to the election, it was proposed by a subscriber, that in the first place, they should proceed to the election of one Surgeon only, and that the resolution of the Directors recommending an additional Surgeon, be deferred for future consideration; and the motion was accordingly made, but negatived by a large majority, in favour of having a fourth Surgeon. This being the decision of the meeting, they immediately

proceeded to the election of two Surgeons. Colonel Cholmley proposed Mr. W. S. Clark, which was seconded by Thomas Price, Esq. The Rev. Wm. H. Dixon proposed Mr. O. A. Moore, which was seconded by Samuel Tuke, Esq. The Rev. Wm. V. Harcourt proposed Mr. Keyworth, which was seconded by John Swann, Esq. Mr. W. S. Clark and Mr. O. A. Moore were the two successful candidates.

At the same meeting it was proposed by Mr. Alderman Wilson, and seconded by Barnard Hague, Esq.,—

‘That Dr. Morris be appointed as the visiting Physician to this Institution, which was carried unanimously.’

I cannot conclude this statement of the issue of this election, without expressing my sincere thanks to those friends who so kindly came forward to give me their support on behalf of my grandson, and those thanks are especially due to the late Dr. Wake, whose zealous and disinterested exertions I shall always remember with peculiar feelings of gratitude, as having so materially contributed to the successful termination of the contest.* Immediately after the conclusion of the election, Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Simpson, and Mr. Dods-worth announced their resignation as the medical Officers of the Institution.

The Directors met again on the 4th of March to

* See my Letter addressed to the subscribers of the York Dispensary, dated March 22nd, 1841, wherein is detailed more minutely the circumstances attendant upon that painful and severe struggle.

audit the annual accounts, and at the same time they passed the following resolution, viz.

‘That finding that all the resignations having been given in writing, they do not conceive themselves justified in accepting the resignation announced by Dr. Beckwith, Dr. Simpson, and Mr. Dodsworth to the late general meeting of the subscribers, and that the Directors disclaiming any intention of disrespect to those gentlemen in the late resolution for appointing an additional Surgeon, trust they will reconsider their intention of resigning, which they expressed to the meeting.’

This delay gave rise to a petition, which obtained the signatures of a considerable number of subscribers, requesting those three medical gentlemen would resume their offices at the Dispensary. The Directors were convened again on the 25th of March to receive the final determination of those retiring gentlemen; but it was moved and seconded,—

‘That this meeting do adjourn to the 2nd of April, at twelve o’clock, in order to give the medical gentlemen an opportunity of reconsidering the letter signed by a number of the subscribers to this Institution, which appeared in the Saturday York papers, and that the Chairman be requested to send a copy of this resolution to each of the above medical gentlemen, who have this day sent in their resignation.’

The Directors met again on Friday, April 2nd, to receive the final determination of those three medical gentlemen, who had previously inserted in each of the York papers, an address not very conciliatory; but the Directors not wishing to widen the breach or re-

tialiate, wished in return to exercise moderation and forbearance, and passed the following resolution; resolved,—

‘That the letter of the three medical Officers of the York Dispensary, who lately sent in their resignation having been read, that in deference to the wishes of a large number of subscribers, who signed the petition, their offer of resuming their situations be accepted; though the Directors feel bound to express *their strong regret at, and disapproval of, the terms used by them, in their address to the subscribers.*’

The late Dr. Beckwith with whom I had been acquainted for nearly half a century, and whom I first introduced as one of the Physicians to the York Dispensary, upon the resignation of Dr. Lawson, strongly recommending him as likely to become an efficient and regular attendant upon the Charity; and our friendly intercourse had become more frequent in consequence of that appointment, and had experienced no interruption during the whole of that period, until the affair of the late contested election at the Dispensary; but that interruption was not of long duration, but soon renewed, and continued to his decease. As a proof of his friendship, and the interest he continued to feel on behalf of the York Dispensary, he presented me with all his medical books, requesting I would present them to that Institution; which I immediately did, adding several volumes of my own to complete his set of the ‘Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal;’ for which the Directors moved a vote of thanks. And at the same time a similar vote was moved to Dr. Wake for his munificent present of a complete Case of Sur-

gical Instruments, intended for the exclusive use of the York Dispensary. Dr. Wake afterwards presented a considerable collection of medical books for the same use, for which he received from the Directors a similar vote of thanks.

A meeting of the Directors was held October 26th, 1841, at which it was resolved,—

‘That a Committee of six Directors be appointed to examine the Original Constitution of the Dispensary, and the Rules and Orders which have from time to time been made for its government, with a view to the consideration by the Directors, if whether any alterations can be advantageously made in the mode of conducting its affairs; and the following Directors were appointed as that Committee; Dr. Wake, Rev. John Graham, Mr. Samuel Tuke, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wellbeloved, and Dr. Morris.’

It is with sincere regret, I have occasion so soon to announce the death of Dr. Wake, one of the Physicians of this Institution, who was appointed in March 1809, as the successor of the late Dr. Withers, and who had continued most assiduously and zealously, to discharge the duties of his office, to within a short time of his decease, during a period of upwards of thirty years. And though at the time of his appointment I had ceased to be a medical Officer of the Institution, yet I felt no diminution of my wish to promote in every way in my power, the interests of the Charity; and in Dr. Wake I always found a most active and energetic coadjutor in forwarding every scheme, which was conceived likely to promote its future welfare.

It was to him I first communicated my wish, that some more suitable building could be erected in a central part of the City, as a public Dispensary; which suggestion he warmly espoused, and never lost sight of; and he, along with myself was mainly instrumental in drawing the attention of the rest of the Directors to the subject, in which they all cordially concurred.

In consequence of Dr. Wake's decease, a meeting of the Directors was held March 9th, 1842, when it was resolved,—

‘That a general meeting of the subscribers should be called on Thursday the 24th instant, to appoint a Physician to this Institution, in the room of Dr. Wake, deceased; and at the same time it was agreed, that the Rev. John Graham be requested to prepare a resolution of thanks from the general meeting of the subscribers to be held on the 24th instant, for the long and valuable services of the late Dr. Wake to this Institution.’

Dr. Beckwith having intimated his intention of resigning his office as Physician to the Dispensary, the Directors were summoned to meet an hour before the general meeting of the subscribers, in consequence of their having received the subjoined letter of resignation* from Dr. Beckwith,* it was resolved—

* Gentlemen,

A severe illness has left me unable to discharge my professional duties with the same efficiency I have been accustomed to during the thirty-four years of my connection with the Dispensary. I therefore beg to resign my situation of Physician to the Institution. With a sincere desire for the continued prosperity of so excellent a Charity.

I remain, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,

STEPHEN BECKWITH.

‘That the same be accepted, and that a vote of thanks be conveyed to him, accompanied with the expression of the deep regret of the Directors at his retirement: and also that it be recommended to the general meeting of the subscribers to be held on that day, to express to the widow and family of the late Dr. Wake, their sincere condolence upon their late bereavement.’

The general meeting of the subscribers took place on the day appointed, when it was proposed by Wm. Gray, Jun., Esq., and seconded by the Rev. John Graham—

‘That it is the opinion of this meeting thst Dr. Morris should henceforth undertake the duties of a receiving Physician to this Institution; and that Dr. Laycock be elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Dr. Wake, and that he undertake the duties of visiting Physician.’

The following resolutions were moved by the Rev. John Graham, and seconded by Mr. Allen;

‘The Directors, Medical Officers, and supporters of the York Dispensary avail themselves of this public occasion to record their deep sense of the great loss they have sustained by the death of Dr. Wake, whose able, disinterested and unwearied labours as Physician to the Charity through a period of thirty-three years, must long be gratefully remembered by every friend of this most valuable Institution; and they also desire to express their sincere condolence with his widow and family under the severe privation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit them, and request the Chairman of this meeting respectfully to present a copy of these unanimous resolutions to Mrs. Wake the widow.’

A general meeting of the subscribers was held on March 31st, 1842, for the purpose of electing a Physician to this Institution, in the room of Dr. Beckwith who had resigned, and Dr. Goldie was unanimously appointed.

At the same meeting it was resolved, that the following vote of thanks be presented to Dr. Beckwith upon his retiring from the Institution as one of its Physicians :

‘The Directors, medical Officers, and supporters of the York Dispensary, assembled to elect a Physician, beg to express their deep regret that ill health has caused the resignation of Dr. Beckwith, senior Physician to this invaluable Charity; and unanimously return their best thanks for his able, faithful, regular, and unwearied services during the long period of thirty-four years as Physician to this Institution; and also for his uniform kindness and attention to the poor.’

At a meeting of the Directors held July 5th, 1843, a Code of Rules was prepared and laid before the meeting by Samuel Tuke, Esq.; when it was resolved,—

‘That the meeting be adjourned for the further consideration of those rules by the Committee; and also that the medical Officers of this Institution be requested to revise the Pharmacopœia of the Dispensary, with a view to the more economical dispensation of medicines.’

At a general meeting of the subscribers held October 11th, 1842, Thomas Wood Wilson, Esq. was unani-

mously appointed a Director of this Charity, in the place of his lamented brother, Joseph Bilton Wilson, Esq., deceased.

At the annual meeting of the Directors held February 20th, 1843, it was unanimously resolved—

‘That Thomas Wood Wilson, Esq. be appointed in the room of his late father, a Trustee for the money invested in the funds; and also that Mr. William Gray, Jun. be appointed in the room of his grandfather, William Gray, Esq. who wishes to resign, in consequence of his advanced age.’

At the annual meeting of the Directors held February 13th, 1844, it was resolved—

‘That a meeting of the subscribers to this Institution be called for Tuesday next, for the purpose of filling up the vacancy in the Direction, occasioned by the lamented death of the Rev. John Graham; and it was also recommended that the Committee appointed for the purpose of revising the rules of the Institution, and suggesting any further improvement in the management of this Charity, should avail themselves of an early opportunity of meeting for that purpose.’

At a general meeting of the subscribers held February 20th, 1844, George Lloyd, Esq. of Stockton Hall, was unanimously appointed a Director of this Institution, in the room of the Rev. John Graham, deceased.

By the death of Mr. Graham, the York Dispensary was deprived of a sincere and powerful advocate on behalf of its future prosperity and welfare. For though

not appointed one of its Directors until the year 1813, yet he early became one of its warm supporters, as well as of every other humane and benevolent institution established in this City. My acquaintance with him began soon after he first came to York, upwards of fifty years ago, and I always esteemed him most highly as a truly conscientious and christian character ; and our friendly intercourse continued without interruption to the day of his death. The great respect paid to his remains at the interment, fully indicated the feelings of a very numerous circle of friends and acquaintance, with whom he had had intercourse during his passage through life.

In consequence of a requisition from the Executors of the late Dr. Beckwith, a meeting of the Directors was convened on the 30th of April, 1844, to take into consideration a proposal which they had made respecting the residue of his property ; a fifth part of which will become due to the York Dispensary. They proposed to retain in their hands the whole of the residue for a few years, in case any future claim might be made upon that property, and established. But in the meantime, the residue would be properly invested upon government security, they paying the interest regularly, arising therefrom, to each of the five Charities to whom it became due, until such time as they could safely and satisfactorily pay over the principal of the remaining residue to the said five Charities. The Directors unanimously agreed to this arrangement of the Executors.

In addition to Dr. Beckwith's very liberal bequest, I have the pleasure of announcing the receipt of a Legacy of £500. (duty free) from the late Miss Gage, of this City, both of which will considerably add to the permanent fund of the Dispensary, and will, I hope, enable the Directors to render the Charity still more extensively useful, besides giving the Institution a more firm and permanent establishment :* for hitherto, notwithstanding the liberal support which has been given to this excellent Institution by a humane and benevolent public, yet its annual income has generally been inadequate to its expenditure ; occasionally obliging the Directors to draw largely upon their permanent fund.

I cannot conceal the satisfaction I experience in having been the original cause of the late Dr. Beckwith's appointment as one of the medical Officers of the York Dispensary, and who after a faithful and regular discharge of its duties as one of the attending Physicians, during the long period of *thirty-four years*, had evidently become deeply interested in its continued prosperity, of which his very munificent legacy will remain a lasting memorial.

In bringing this concise and some what imperfect History of the York Dispensary to a conclusion, I beg to observe, that I have endeavoured, as far as I have

* Since the above was sent to the Press, I have the pleasure of announcing the receipt of a Legacy of Fifty Pounds, (duty deducted) bequeathed to this Institution by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson of this City.

been able, to collect and arrange from documents in my possession all the various proceedings connected with the Institution, from its commencement to the present time. This I can safely affirm has been faithfully done; and, I trust, with some degree of simplicity and perspicuity.

I shall here insert a list of the present Directors arranged according to the date of their respective appointments; as well as of the present Physicians and Surgeons. Also a condensed statement of the rules and regulations of the Institution, which have been adopted from time to time, as appeared necessary. All the Donations and Legacies are chronologically arranged; together with the general report of patients admitted and discharged from the commencement of the Institution, to the conclusion of the year ending December 31st, 1844. And I had at one time intended to have inserted the last year's annual report of patients admitted and discharged, with the statement of the receipts and disbursements; but upon second consideration I conceived it would be quite unnecessary, as that of course will appear in a distinct published report, and the above general statement will sufficiently present at one view, the very extensive usefulness of this most excellent Charity.

D I R E C T O R S.

Elected.

1789. OSWALD ALLEN.
 1810. WILLIAM OLDFIELD.
 1822. SAMUEL TUKE.
 1824. The DEAN of YORK.
 1827. Rev. W. V. HARCOURT.
 1830. THOMAS PRICE.
 1831. Rev. C. WELLBELOVED.
 1832. ROBERT SWANN.
 1832. Rev. W. H. DIXON.
 1832. Dr. SIMPSON.
 1838. WILLIAM GRAY, Jun.,
 Lord Mayor.
 1839. BENJ. DODSWORTH.

Elected.

1839. W. MATTERSON, Jun.
 1840. WILLIAM S. CLARK.
 1840. JOHN PREST.
 1840. JOHN MILLS.
 1841. BARNARD HAGUE.
 1841. Dr. MORRIS.
 1841. WILLIAM S. CLARK, Jun.
 1841. OSWALD A. MOORE.
 1841. Dr. LAYCOCK.
 1842. Dr. GOLDIE.
 1843. THOMAS W. WILSON.
 1844. GEORGE LLOYD.

PHYSICIANS.

- Dr. SIMPSON.
 Dr. GOLDIE.
 Dr. MORRIS.
 Dr. LAYCOCK.

SURGEONS.

- Mr. B. DODSWORTH.
 Mr. W. MATTERSON, Jun.
 Mr. W. S. CLARK.
 Mr. O. A. MOORE.

TREASURER.

Mr. ALLEN.

APOTHECARY.

Mr. WILSON.

Subscriptions and Donations are received at the York Banks ;
 by OSWALD ALLEN, Treasurer, St. Saviourgate ; Mr. WILSON, at
 the Dispensary ; or by any of the Directors.

REGULATIONS.

THE Dispensary is under the direction of twenty-four Subscribers, who are appointed the Directors of this Charity; consisting of the Treasurer, four Physicians, four Surgeons, and fifteen Subscribers of *One Guinea*, or Donors of *Ten Guineas*.

That the Treasurer, Physicians, and Surgeons to this Institution shall be entitled, *ex-officio*, to the same privileges as Subscribers of *one guinea*, or Donors of *ten guineas*.

That Subscribers of two guineas *per annum*, shall have it in their option, either to have two patients constantly upon the books, or to have fourteen tickets; and so in proportion for all larger sums subscribed,

That Subscribers of one guinea *per annum*, shall have it in their option either to have one patient constantly upon the books, or to have seven tickets, each of which will entitle the Subscriber to have one patient upon the books for the term of two months,

That Subscribers of half-a-guinea will receive three tickets, each of which will entitle them to have one patient upon the books for the term of two months.

That a donation of ten guineas or upwards, will entitle the Donor to have one patient constantly upon the books.

Medical and Chirurgical attendance is given every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, at eleven o'clock at the Dispensary, and medicine dispensed to all patients who shall be deemed proper objects of the Charity.

Persons confined in fevers and other acute diseases, or otherwise rendered incapable of attending in person, will be visited at their own houses, on sending their recommendations to the Dispensary, before eleven o'clock in the morning, on every day of the week.

That the benefits of the Dispensary shall not extend to those who are able to pay for their own cure, nor to servants who require to be visited in their places of service.

That the children of the poor be inoculated with the Cow-pox every Tuesday morning at ten o'clock without any recommendation.

That the following be the extreme limits for visiting patients at their own houses; viz. Burton Stone, Monk Bridge, Layerthorpe, and the houses beyond St. Lawrence Church, Fishergate, Clementhorpe, and Holdgate Lane.

That the right of voting at all future elections of a Director, Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary, or Treasurer to this Institution, shall be extended to all Benefactors to the amount of ten guineas, and all Annual Subscribers of one guinea, or upwards, provided such Subscriber has been a contributor upwards of twelve months previous to such election, and provided he has paid up his subscription for the current year.

Annual Subscribers will be considered as beginning their subscriptions on the first day of January in every year; and

sets of tickets will likewise be delivered on the same day, and at all times during the year, by applying to the Treasurer, or to the Apothecary to the Dispensary ; but such tickets will only be current until the first of January next following.

That all future elections be advertised once in each of the York papers, and that every vacancy be filled up within one month of its having occurred.

That upon the future election of an Apothecary to this Institution, it shall be requisite that such candidate shall previously send in his testimonials to the Treasurer of this Charity, for the consideration of the Directors and Medical Officers, who shall report thereon to the Subscribers at large on the day of election ; and also that each candidate shall if required by the Directors, be previously examined by the Medical Officers of the Charity.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by all the Medical Officers of the Dispensary, a few months after its first institution ;—‘That in case any Physician or Surgeon pertaining to this Charity, does not attend before half-past eleven o’clock on the days of public admission, that the Physicians or Surgeons present, shall proceed to prescribe for, or dress such patients as belong those gentlemen who are absent.’

That a court of Directors be held quarterly, viz. ; the second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October, precisely at eleven o’clock ; for the management of the concerns of this Institution, and that five Directors do constitute a court.

That a book be provided, in which the Physicians and Surgeons of this Institution shall enter their attendance at the

Dispensary, and that the book be laid before the Directors at their regular meetings.

That a check-book be kept by the Apothecary, to be taken to the Druggist each time when drugs are sent for ; and to be laid upon the table at every attendance of the Medical Officers, and that such book be regularly charged and cast up the last day in every month.

That the Apothecary strictly adhere to the rule, that no Benefactor or Annual Subscriber have more patients on the books than she or he is entitled to by her or his benefaction or subscription, and that he keep a book as a check for that purpose ; and also that a proper ticket of recommendation be printed and used by Contributors of ten pounds and Annual Subscribers, who choose to have one patient constantly upon the books.

DONATIONS.

DONATIONS OF TEN GUINEAS AND UPWARDS.

£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Rev. Dean Fountayne	60	0	0	Mrs. Dodsworth,	} 20 0 0
Mrs. Bouchier	... 50	0	0	Stamfordbridge ...	
Edwd. Prest, Esq.	... 31	0	0	T. N. Norcliffe, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Rev. Mr. Stillingfleet	10	10	0	P. Langdale, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Mrs. Warburton	... 10	10	0	Miss Rawdon	... 10 10 0
Peter Johnson, Esq.	... 70	0	0	John Rawdon, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Leond. Thompson, Esq.	20	0	0	Joseph Agar, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Edward Smith, Esq.	... 42	0	0	Rev. John Graham	... 10 10 0
Mrs. Lofthouse	... 20	0	0	Mrs. S. Scott	... 10 10 0
Mrs. Coates	... 35	5	0	Rev. Wm. Richardson	10 10 0
Mr. Thomas Briggs	10	10	0	Mr. Oswald Allen	... 10 10 0
Wm. Wilberforce, Esq.	20	0	0	Mrs. Taylor	... 10 10 0
Wm. Gray, Esq.	... 100	0	0	Wm. Cooper, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Anonymous by Ditto	101	10	0	Robert Driffield, Esq.	10 10 0
Thomas Goulton, Esq.	25	5	0	Mr. John Crosby	... 10 10 0
R. Thompson, Esq.	... 50	0	0	Anonymous by Ditto	20 0 0
Mrs. Taylor	... 30	0	0	Wallis Dunn, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Lindley Murray, Esq.	21	0	0	Anonymous	... 10 10 0
Mr. Henry Tuke	... 10	10	0	Mrs. Hoyes	... 10 10 0
Mr. John Tuke	... 10	10	0	Henry Yarburgh, Esq.	21 0 0
Mr. Stephen Priestman	10	10	0	Mrs. Yarburgh	... 10 10 0
Mr. David Priestman	... 10	10	0	James Walker, Esq.	... 21 0 0
Mr. Samuel Richardson	10	10	0	Robert Swann, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Mr. Joseph Awmack	... 10	10	0	Wm. Oldfield, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Mr. Wm. Bleckley	... 10	10	0	Henry Bland, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Mrs. Rebecca Terry	... 20	0	0	John Roper, Esq.	... 10 10 0
Mrs. Withers	... 120	0	0	Mr. John Wilkinson	... 10 10 0
Miss Currer	... 50	0	0	Rev. Archdn. Markham	10 10 0
John Dodsworth, Esq.	100	0	0	Thos. Swann, Esq.	... 10 10 0
James Murray, Esq.	... 10	10	0	Mr. Geo. Dodsworth	... 10 10 0
Mrs. M. Pennington	... 10	10	0	Rev. Robt. Croft	... 10 10 0
John Prince, Esq.	... 10	10	0	George Whitaker, Esq.	10 10 0

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John W. Clough, Esq.	10	10	0	Anonymous	10	10	0	
Thos. Wilson, Esq. ...	10	10	0	Mr. Robt. Spence	...	10	10	0	
T. Withers, Esq. M. D.	10	10	0	Anonymous by A. M. H.	10	10	0		
Mr. Wm. Tuke	...	10	10	0	T. Wood Wilson, Esq.	10	10	0	
Anthony Thorpe, Esq.	10	10	0	John Wormald, Esq. ...	10	10	0		
David Russell, Esq. ...	21	0	0	Anony. by Valentine	}	21	0	0	
Mr. Robt. Berry	...	10	10	Kitchingman, Esq.					
Mr. Emanuel Stabler	...	10	10	0	Miss Wilson	..	10	10	0
Wm Carr, Esq.	...	10	10	0	Rev. Jocelyn Willey	...	10	10	0
Mr. John Mason	...	10	10	0	Mrs. Prest	...	20	0	0
Wm. Garforth, Esq. ...	21	0	0	Anony. by Rev. Mr.	}	10	10	0	
Wm. Burgh, Esq.	...	10	10	Graham					
P. Wentworth, Esq. ...	10	10	0	Colonel Cholmley	...	10	10	0	
Sir M. M. Sykes Bart.	25	0	0	Mrs. Cholmley	...	10	10	0	
Alexander Hunter,	}	10	0	0	Mr. James Richard-	}	10	10	0
Esq. M. D.				son, Jun.					
John Wright, Esq.	...	10	10	0	Mr. Barnard Mitchell	10	0	0	
Wm. Glover, Esq.	...	10	10	0	Stapylton Stapylton, Esq.	10	0	0	
Mr. Samuel Green	...	10	10	0	Mr. Thos. Mason	...	10	10	0
Mrs. Dealtry	...	10	10	0	Miss Worsley, 2nd don.	20	0	0	
Robt. Stockton, Esq. ...	10	10	0	Mr. Sheriff Nicholson	10	0	0		
Rev. Dean Markham	21	0	0	Joseph Bilton Wilson,	}	10	10	0	
Thos. Hartley, Esq. ...	10	10	0	Esq.					
George Wallis, Esq. ...	10	10	0	Sir J. V. B. Johnstone,	}	20	0	0	
John Swann, Esq.	...	10	10	Bart.					
The Dean of York	...	10	10	0	Geo. Swann, Esq.	...	10	10	0
Mrs. Dring	...	70	0	0	Mr. Alderman Hotham	10	10	0	
Thos. Key, Esq.	...	21	0	0	Mr. Edwd. Elgin	...	10	10	0
George Palmes, Esq.	10	10	0	The Archbp. of York	10	0	0		
Anony. by V. Kitch-	}	20	0	0	Produce of the Flower	}	12	16	0
ingman, Esq.				Exhibition					
Anonymous ...	...	20	0	0	The Earl of Zetland	50	0	0
Mrs. Margrave	...	21	0	0	The Board of Health	52	10	0	
Robt. Cattle, Esq.	...	10	10	0	Miss Mary Hall	...	10	10	0
Mr. N. Parkinson	...	10	10	0	Miss Alice Hall	...	10	10	0
Anonymous	21	0	0	J. C. Hincks, Esq.	...	10	0	0
Miss Worsley	...	20	0	0	N. Yarburch, Esq.	...	20	0	0
Mrs Croft	...	100	0	0	Mrs. H. Mennell	...	10	0	0
John Croft, Esq.	...	15	15	0	The Surplus of the	}	122	0	0
The Lord Mayor and	}	50	0	0	Cholera Fund				
Commonalty				0	Mrs. Grace Thoinpson	20	0	0	

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The Duchess of Kent	25	0	0	Mr. John Wilson ...	10	10	0
Dr. Wake as Chair- man of the Ball Committee ... }	42	0	0	Mr. W. Matterson, Jun.	10	10	0
James Audus, Esq. ..	10	10	0	Mr. Henry Richardson	10	10	0
Sir Wm. Stephenson } Clark }	10	10	0	Mrs. Alice Hornor ...	50	0	0
Mr. Geo. Clark ...	10	10	0	Robt. Waller, Esq. ..	20	0	0
Lady Ann Clark ...	10	10	0	Mr. Geo. Jennings ...	10	10	0
Miss Ann Clark ...	10	10	0	Mrs. Allen ...	10	10	0
Miss Frans. Ann Clark	10	10	0	Charles Harris, Esq.	10	10	0
Mrs. Thos. Richardson	10	10	0	Rev. Robert Ellis ...	10	10	0
Miss Margaret Graham	10	10	0	Miss Caroline Crompton	10	10	0
Miss Pidgeon ...	10	10	0	Miss Lloyd ...	10	10	0
Rev. Lamplugh Hird	10	10	0	Miss Grainger ...	10	10	0
Barnard Hague, Esq.	10	10	0	John Clough, Esq. ...	10	10	0
Mr. Hewley Graham	10	10	0	Mr. Joshua Oldfield ...	10	10	0
				Mr. Wm. Catton ...	10	10	0
				Abraham Bower, Esq.	10	10	0

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John Bilton, Esq. ...	5	5	0	Miss Maria Woodroffe } Smith ... }	5	5	0
Mr Daniel ...	5	5	0	Two Donations by Mr. } Oldfield ... }	9	14	0
Rev. J. Lund ...	5	0	0	Thos. Goulton, Esq.	5	5	0
Mrs. Coates ...	5	5	0	Robt. Cracrofts, Esq.	5	0	0
Adam Boulby, Esq. ...	5	5	0	A friend to the Institution	5	0	0
Robt. Taylor, Esq. ...	5	5	0	Mr. Ducrow ...	5	0	0
Mr. Bulmer ...	5	0	0	Anon. by Dr. Wake ...	5	0	0
Wm. Gimber. Esq. ...	5	0	0	Mrs. Ann Hudson ...	5	0	0
Mr. Richard Lund ...	5	5	0	John Bayldon, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Wm. Duffin, Esq. ...	5	5	0	Rev. C. Hutchinson ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Ann Thompson ...	5	5	0	Anon. by Messrs. Swann	5	0	0
Mrs. Elizabeth Brown	5	0	0	Thos. Barstow, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Thos. Jennings, Esq.	5	5	0	Miss Cholmley ...	5	0	0
Mr. Blanchard ...	5	5	0	Geo. Lloyd, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Mr. Buckle ...	5	5	0	Hon. Mrs. Langley ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Parker ...	5	0	0				
Do. 2nd Subscription	5	0	0				
Amateur Choral Concert	6	2	0				

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Miss Nelson	...	5	0	0	Mrs. Lund	...	5	0	0
Mr. Salvin	...	5	0	0	Mrs. Priestman	...	5	0	0
Robt. Swann, Esq.	...	5	0	0	John Gilbert, Esq.	...	5	0	0
Sir Thos. Slingsby	...	5	0	0	Rev. Dr. Jessop	...	5	0	0
Mrs. Thompson	...	5	0	0	Mrs. Scruton	...	5	0	0
Miss Worsley	...	5	0	0	John Ellis, Esq.	...	5	0	0

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Mrs. Place	...	1	1	0	Mr. Phillips	...	1	1	0
S. W. Nicoll, Esq.	...	2	2	0	Mr. Wray	...	0	10	6
Mr. Marmaduke Buckle	1	1	0	Mr. Peart	...	1	1	0	
Rev. Wm. Laing	...	0	10	6	Mrs. Crosby	...	2	2	0
Mr. Fettes	...	2	2	0	Mr. Welbank	...	1	1	0
Rev. C. Wellbeloved	...	2	2	0	Mrs. T. Wallis	...	1	1	0
Mr. John Harrison	...	2	2	0	Mrs. Ann Lloyd	...	2	2	0
Mr. Sturdy	...	0	2	6	Amos Green, Esq.,	}	2	0	0
Mr. Simpson	...	1	1	0	2nd donation				
Mr. Robert Scott	...	2	2	0	Mr. Herbert Camm	...	2	2	0
Mrs. Robinson	...	0	5	0	Mr. Lakeland	...	3	3	0
Mr. Russell	...	0	10	6	Mr. Richard Allanson	...	0	2	6
Mr. David Doeg	...	0	10	6	Mr. John Hodgson	...	1	1	0
Mr. James Rusby	...	1	1	0	Mr. John Armitage	...	0	10	6
Mr. C. Wilson	...	1	1	0	Mr. Lakland, Fishergate	...	0	1	0
Mr. Nicholson	...	0	10	6	Mr. Robert Pickering	...	2	2	0
Amos Green, Esq.	...	1	1	0	Mrs. Robert Markham	...	2	2	0
Mr. Simpson	...	1	1	0	Mr. George Peacock	...	1	1	0
Anonymous	...	2	2	0	Mrs. Wilson	...	2	2	0
Mr. Samuel Richardson	...	1	1	0	Mr. John Green	...	1	1	0
Mr. Wm. Richardson	...	1	1	0	Mr. Wm. Bayldon	...	1	1	0
Mrs. Benson	...	2	2	0	Mrs. Hartley	...	2	2	0
Mr. Daniel Peacock	...	1	1	0	Miss Hargreaves	...	0	10	6
Mrs. Corneil	...	0	10	6	The Manor Ladies	...	0	10	6
Wm. Gage, Esq.	...	2	2	0	Mr. Hornby	...	0	10	6
Mr. D. Newton	...	2	2	0	Mr. C. Cattle	...	1	1	0
Mr. Owston	...	1	1	0	Mr. Thomas Wilkinson	...	1	1	0
Miss Bower	...	1	1	0	Mr. Blanchard	...	2	2	0
Thomas Smith, Esq.	...	2	2	0	The late Mrs. Bigland	...	2	2	0
Mr. Henry Mills	...	3	3	0	Mrs. Cordley	...	2	2	0

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Mr. Edward Matterson	3	3	0	Thomas Barstow, Esq.	2	10	0
Anonymous by the } Rev. Mr. Gillow }	1	1	0	John Ellis, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Anonymous ...	2	2	0	Ditto, Ditto ...	2	2	0
Mr. E. Cooke ...	1	1	0	Dr. Beckwith ...	1	1	0
J. C. Hincks, Esq. ...	2	2	0	Mr. Joseph Rowntree...	3	0	0
Anony. by Mr. Marshall	2	0	0	John Ellis, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Anony. by J. Tweedy, } Esq. ... }	2	12	6	Mr. C. Watson ...	1	10	0
Anonymous ...	2	2	0	T. Meynell, Esq. ...	2	2	4
Captain Steward, the } Wandering Piper }	3	2	0	Sir E. Vavasour ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Bebb ...	3	0	0	Ditto, Ditto ...	1	1	0
Miss Hill ...	2	2	0	<hr/>			
Ching Lau Lauro ...	4	8	6	<i>Received from the Soup Establishment,</i>			
				1806.			
				Unclaimed Subscriptions	28	2	6
				Sundry small subs. ...	22	13	6

LEGACIES.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.		
Mrs. Thornhaugh	...	20	0	0	Mrs. Martha White	...	19	19	0
Mrs. Allanson	...	20	0	0	Mrs. Benson	...	90	0	0
Wm. Myers, Esq.	...	50	0	0	Mrs. Sarah Scott	...	100	0	0
Miss Allanson	...	30	0	0	Rev. George Briggs	...	10	0	0
Mrs. Rodwell	...	5	0	0	Mrs. C. Richardson	...	21	8	0
Mrs. Gibson	...	50	0	0	Mrs. Ann Lloyd	...	19	19	0
Mrs. Abercrombie	...	50	0	0	John Harrison, Esq.	...	45	0	0
Mr. Thos. Lund	...	23	10	0	Thos. Prickett, Esq.	...	45	0	0
Rev. Dean Fountayne	18	16	0		Mrs. Wray	...	10	0	0
Wm. Skelton, Esq.	...	10	0	0	Mrs. C. Wyvill	...	10	0	0
Mrs. Stillingfleet	...	184	0	0	Miss Smith	...	89	0	0
Mrs. Weightman	...	18	8	0	Miss Foster	...	19	19	0
J. Raimes, Esq.	...	20	0	0	Mrs. Townend	...	50	0	0
Mr. John Lund	...	10	0	0	Mrs. Warburton	...	18	0	0
Rev. J. J. Dobson	...	50	0	0	Mrs. Coates ...	...	50	0	0
Mrs. Hoyes	...	180	0	0	Lindley Murray, Esq.	25	0	0	
T. Withers, Esq. M. D.	270	0	0		Mrs. Ann Hudson	...	10	10	0
John Dodsworth, Esq.	20	0	0		Mrs. Norcliffe	...	10	0	0
Mrs. Elizabeth Brown	50	0	0		Edward Prest, Esq.	...	100	0	0
Lady Conyngham	...	100	0	0	Mrs. Dodsworth	...	19	19	0
Thos. Harper, Esq.	...	89	16	6	John Burgess, Esq.	...	5	0	0
Mrs. M. Pennington	...	10	0	0	Mrs. Mary Smith	...	19	0	0
Mrs. Redhead	...	18	8	0	Eustace Strickland, Esq.	10	0	0	
Mrs. Ann Smith	...	45	0	0	Mrs. Sanderson	...	45	0	0
Mr. Wm. Bewlay	...	18	0	0	Miss Lodge ...	...	47	7	0
Mrs. Green	...	15	0	0	S. Beckwith, Esq. M.D.	1800	0	0	
Mr. Samuel Green	...	20	0	0	Miss Gage ...	...	500	0	0
Rev. J. Lambert	...	450	0	0	Mrs. Eliz. Robinson	...	50	0	0
Thos. Wilkinson, Esq.	180	0	0						

THE FORM OF A
LEGACY OR BEQUEST OF PERSONAL ESTATES.

I give and bequeath unto A B and C D the sum of _____ upon trust, and to the intent that they do pay the same to the Treasurer, for the time being, of a Society, who call themselves the DIRECTORS of the YORK DISPENSARY ; which said sum of _____ I desire may be paid out of my Personal Estate, and be applied towards carrying on the charitable designs of the said Society.

FORM OF AN ADMISSION TICKET.

To the Physicians and Surgeons of the York Dispensary.

Please to admit the bearer, _____ aged _____ residing in _____ whom I believe to be a proper object to receive advice and medicines at the Dispensary, for the term of two Months from this date.

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GENERAL REPORT OF PATIENTS.

*Patients admitted and discharged from March 28th, 1788,
to January 1st, 1845.*

Patients admitted	93,154
——— discharged cured	68,033
————— relieved and time expired ...	21,413
————— for irregularity	19
————— as improper objects	214
——— died	3,336
——— remaining under cure	139
	93,154
Incidental cases admitted without tickets	1,435
	94,589
Total	

FINIS.









